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[1] No date of probate. The testator was son and heir of Sir William Booth of Dunham Massey, by Maud, daughter of John Dutton of Dutton Esq. He married Katherine, daughter and heiress of Robert Montford of Bescote in Staffordshire. His father Sir William Booth, who died 16 Edward IV., gave lands for the providing of a chaplain to pray for him and his friends in a chapel to be built in Bowdon Church for that purpose, which was built accordingly. Sir William Booth, amongst other children, had Ellen, the wife of Sir John Legh of Baguley, and Ann, who married John Legh of Boothes Esq. The testator died 1 Richard III. 1483. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 401. This will is injured by damp, and the date is defective.

ditatę mee durant̄ nowne age filii mei conv̄tatur ad maritand̄ filias meas. Item q3 volo terra mea in Thorneton excepta dote et ȳent̄ uxoris mee cōv̄tat̄ ad solvend̄ Georgio Holforde militi p maritagio Margarete Holforde filie mee et post hoc ad remanendum uxori mee ad supportand̄ honus filioꝝ et filiaꝝ meaꝝ Item volo q3 p̄dc̄a terra de Falyngbrome durante nowne age Rogeri filii mei disponat̄ et pvidiat̄ p visū uxoris mee et hoc ad relevamē liberoꝝ meoꝝ Item volo ordino et constituo Katerinam uxorē meā et Jacobū Hille rectorē ecc̄lie de Northeden sup hac . . . . voluntate mea ultīa meos veros et legittimos exsecutores ut ip̄i put eis meliuę videt̄ expedir̄ disponāt p salute aīe mee Insup ad supvidend̄ omīa et singła p̄dicta p p̄fat̄ exsecutores bn̄ et fidelit̄ esse adimpleta huię volūtatę mee ultime constituo magistrū Rob̄t̄ Bothe decanū Eboraci supvisorē p singulari confidēcia quā penes ip̄m habeo insup eidem hm̄lit̄ subplicans ad laborand̄ dno p'ncipi p nowne age Willi filii mei Item volo q3 arreragiū sive debitū q3 Johes Legh de Bagheley mihi debuit conv̄tat̄ ad disponē debita mea Item lego et volo q3 Anna soror mea habeat unā filiaꝝ suaꝝ ad disponē propriam et alteram filiaꝝ p̄dict̄ ad disponē uxorę mee Et huic voluntati mee ultīe die et anno p̄dictę sigillū apposui Item lego et volo p hāc meā voluntatē q3 Anna Legh soror mea sit in se libera ab omī acc̄one jurę penes me et exsecutores meos nulla obligac̄one carta aut indentura p eand̄ mihi facta et sigillata contradicente Item volo q3 Henricus Tappyng hēat hoc in feodo q3 de me hūit in vita mea durante nowne age Willi filii mei.

THE WILL OF JOHN DYE, CLERK, RECTOR OF TILSTON.[1]

IN the name of God Amen The vijth day of May an^{o} Dñi 1573 I Sr John Dye clarke and ꝑson of Tylston within.....of Chester beynge in good health and of whole and ꝑfect remembraunce laud and praisse be to almightye God I kno ..... there is nothinge more sure then death and the tyme thereof so uncertayne that every good Christian ought to ꝓpare hym... ..... may be readye w^{t} meke hart to relinquishe this transsitorye liffe at such tyme as it shall pleasse God to call hym to his me..... ordayne this my ꝓsent testament concernynge herein my last wyll in manner and forme folowynge That is to say fir..... unto God my maker desyringe hym of forgennes of my synnes puttynge my whole trust and confidence in him th..... be the merites of the blessed death and passion of his onelye sonne Jesus Christ and that I shalbe washed from the .... synne be the effution of his bloude and thereby to obtayne the lyffe ꝑpetuall And I geve this my mortall ..... the yearth from whence it came Itm I geve and bequeth towardes the reparation of the church of Tylston vj^{s} viij^{d} ..... reparinge of the greate stone bridge at Tylston fordes vj^{s} viij^{d} the which I wyll that my executours herafter named .... bestowynge of the sayd money Itm unto xx^{tie} poore folkes w^{t}in the ꝑishe of Tylston to every one of ..... Itm to xx^{tie} poore folkes w^{t}in the ꝑishe of Malpas to every one of them iiij^{d} Itm I geve &c..... every

[1] Proved 6th June 1573. John Die was instituted to the rectory of Tilston 8th August 1558, on the nomination of Thomas Butler, chaplain, and others, patrons by assignment of William Brereton. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 382.

god chyld that I have to every one of them xij^{d} Item unto my brother Wyllm Dye unto my brother Thomas Dye to my sister Johan to my sister Elnoure and to my sister Katheren to every one of them one silver spone. Item unto Margaret Probyn Jane Probyn John Ensworth and Elyzabeth Dye daughter to my brother Thomas Dye to every one of them a silver spone Item unto my brother Willm Dye (my Lord Byshopp beynge served) my best horsse or mare that I shall chance to have at my death Item unto my brother Thomas Dye the best cowe that I shall chance to have at the tyme of my death Item unto my sister Johan Edge all my tackes that I have by lease for termes and yeres yet to com contened in the same leases Item unto my sister Johan Edge my cupbourd that standeth in the hall my joyned bede that standeth above in my chamber w^{t} the curtens belongynge to the same two coverletes that is to say one of the best of my coverlettes and another of the second sorte my best peare of blanckets the carpet clouth that is for the hall bourd one of the best of my cofers two of the best of my chargers two potenchers two sawcers and all tryen lomes within the housse and also all the pented clouthes that are within my housse except the paynted clouth that hangeth ..... the bench in the hall the which I wyll shall remeane there style one bushell of wheat one bushell of rye one bushell of barly two bushell of ottes two bushell of malt the one halfe of my swyne, all gesse hennes and capons that are about the housse Item unto my sister Elnoure my second best cofore Item unto my sister Katheren my best brasse pote and one coverlet of blacke and yelowe Item unto my cosyn Elyn Kettle my brasse panne that I dyd bye of Raffe Huxley and two chargers Item unto Margaret Probyn my joyned beed that I usse to lye one the tester w^{t} the curtens belonginge to the same the fether beed two coverlets one bolstere one pylow a payre of flaxen shetes and a payre of canvas shetes my great brasse panne the great brendret two of the best of my chargers two potenchers and two saucers Item unto Jane Probyn my joyned beed

that standeth in the parlar the tester with the curtyng belongynge to the same the fether beed one bolster one pylow one of the best of my coverletę and another of blake and whit my best payre of flaxen shetes and a pare of canvas shetes the carpet that I bought of Edward Carden my two great chandlers my new chafen dishe my chafern my pewter quart pote two of my best chargers two potenchers two saucers the morter and pestle the fyre shovell the tonges the drypynge panne the great broche and the brasse pott that I have in pledge of Richard Bowker untyll suche tyme that he pay unto her x^{s} Itm unto Johan Dye one materas one bolster one coverlet a payre of canvas shetes and a bushell of barlye Itm unto my brother Wiftm Dye my best doblet Itm unto my sister Johan Edge all my lynen clouthes and napery ware except such as I have bequethed alreadye Itm unto Thomas Countrye xx^{s} Itm unto my sister Margery x^{s} and to her daughter Johan iij^{s} iiij^{d} Itm unto John Ensworth towardes the kepynge of hym to the schole xx^{s} Itm unto Sr Robert Downes x^{s} To Sr John Dale vj^{s} viij^{d} To Margerye my servant meaden vj^{s} viij^{d} To John Seare of Tylston grene xij^{d} Itm unto my cosyn Randle Probyn my two sawes my new axe my new hachet my nase my byll and all my no..... Itm unto my godson John Kettle all my shepe that I have with Richard Downat except two which I geve &c. unto the two yonger daughters of the said Richard Downat to be apoynted them at the discretion of my executours And also I wyll that after my debtes be payd my funerall expenses and legacies discharged that all the resydue of my goods and cattels moveable and unmoveable shalbe devided into two equall partes The one halfe I geve &c. unto Randle Probyn Margaret Probyn and Jane Probyn to be equallye devided amongest them three And the other halfe I wyll that it shalbe devided into three equall partes one part unto my sister Katherins children And a nother part unto my brother Thomas Dyes children and the third parte to Richard Dyes children to be equallye devided amongest them Itm I

wyll that my executours shall receve all my debtes toward the discharge of my wyll except such as I have forgeven by my boke of debtes which boke is subscribed with my owne hand Itm unto the rest of my sister Margery Nockes chyldren to every one of them xij^{d} Itm I do ordayne and make my lawfull executours of this my last wyll and testament my welbeloved brother Wyllm Dye my brother in law Richard Probyn my cosyn Randle Probyn and my sister Johan Edge desyrynge them to discharge this my last wyll and testament as they wyll answere me at the dreadfull day of judgment provided alwayes it is my full wyll and mynd that if it fortune my sayd sister Johan Edge to marye at any tyme after the date hereafter that then I wyll that she shalbe no executoure of myne nor shall in no wysse meddle with the administration of any of my goodes And I do make overseers of the same Mr Gorge Brerton of Ashelye esquier and Sr John Barlow clarke and pson of Malpas desyrynge them to se this my wyll accomplished and fulfylled acordynge unto the true intent and meanynge of the same as my especyall trust is in them In wytnesse whereof I have put to my seale and subscribed my name the day and yere above wryten by me Sr John Dye Wyttenesse Sr John Barlow C. Sr Robert Downes C. w^{t} others.

THE WILL OF MARGARET HAWARDEN OF CHESTER.[1]

IN Dei noïe Amen I Margaret Hawarden hole of mynde and body seyng pell nyghe and deth uncerten make my testament

[1] Proved January 17th 1520-21. Margaret Hawarden was the daughter of John Warren of Poynton Esq. by Isabel, daughter of Sir John Stanley Knt., and married John Arderne of Chester. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 343.

in maṅ and forme that folowth In the first I beqweth my soule to God almyrti to o^r Lady Saynt Mary Saynt Olave and to all sayntes in hevyn and my body to be buryed in the church of o^r Lady of the Qwite ffrerys on the northside in the tombe Item I beqweth to the makynge of the tombe and repac̃on of the said church iij^li vj^s viij^d and my fornes of ledde at the ovsight of the prior and myne executo^rs the prior of the said place and his brethern to kepe myne obete days and to pray for me and thos that I am bounden to pray for Item I gif to George Palm^y prior of the said White Frerys to pray for me x^s Item to frere John Wodwarde iij^s iiij^d Item to the repac̃on of the church of the Gray Frerys vj^s viij^d and a little vessell of ledde at the ovsiȝt of the warden and myne executo^rs Item to the repac̃on of the churche of the Blak Frerys vj^s viij^d and my .... broken ledde in peses and gobbetto at the ovsight of the prior and myne executo^rs Item to the makinge of the closter in the nonry in the citie of Chester x^li my lady priores and her systers to kepe my obet days and to pray for my soule and thos which I am bounden to pray for Item unto Dame Margery Pasmȳch priores of the said nonrye thos kye which be in my haye that I holde of her except ij kye on I gif to Dame Kateryn Tatton and the other koe to Dame Margery Byrkehed to pray for me Item unto the said lady priores a coofer for the use of her house which I bought of Sr Otnel Hoghton Item to Dame Jane Adderton subpriores my new paynted coffer Item to Dame fflorens vj^s viij^d And this is my will y^t Sr Henry Devyas pray and say masse x yeres after my decesse for my soule my husbando soule for the soules of my father and mother John Waren and Isabell his wif for the soules of Sr John Waren Sr Henry Waren sometyme psons of Stokport for the soule of Sr Otnell Hoghton my frendez soules and all Cristen soules And to have to his wagez for his labo^r v^li evy yere and to synge at the White Frerys or at Saynt Olaves church as he thinko most accordinge for the tyme And if the said Sr Henry dye or the said x yeres be fully endet then I will that a

nother prist well disposed be taken wt myne executors and my ovseers in to the serves to pray for me and thos before named and to have to his wage for his labor iiijli vjs viijd a yere as longe as the money will endure The wage of the said pst to be paide by the handes of the priores of the cōvent of the said nonry of the citie of Chestre or by her assignes Itm I beqweth to the coostc of my burying and for all thinge necessary therto ptenynge xxti marke and what leves of the said to be disposed at the ovsight of myne executors and ovseers Itm unto the pish churche of Saynt Olave a small flaxen shete ij towelle of twill for the sepultur in tyme of Ester a borde cloth of twill to be a alter cloth to the hye alter a chales a vestment ij albes a masse boke to the use of my pste duringe the saide yeres then the pste to delyv the forsaid alt cloth chales ij albes the masse boke to the reves of the said pish for to serve God Saynt Olave and all sayntes therwt as longe as they may last the pish priste and the pishons to pray for me and thos which I am bounden to pray for Itm I gif a borde cloth of twill to be a alter cloth for the alter of Saynt Anne in the collage churche of Saynt Johns Item a bordecloth of twill for to be a alter cloth to the hye alter in the pish churche of Saynt Brides Item a bordecloth of flaxen to be a alter cloth in the pish church of Saynt Marten Itm to the makynge of the steple of the collage church of Saynt Johns xld Itm to the repacōn and mendynge of Trafforde brigge xiijs iiijd Item I gif to my son Thomas Hawardyn my best fetherbed my best bolster the hengynge in the pler the cupborde the conterborde in the hall the hengynge a bowte the hall a cupborde a screne a gret chere wt the bordes and formes in the hall a white flatt pese of silv wt the cov Item to my doght Elizabeth his wif a golde ringe set wt images and my blak cofer Itm to Thomas Hawardyn my godson my little goblet of silv Item to my cosyn Laurans Waren my gilde cuppe wt the cov his owen armes opon the cov to be a heire lome to his heires after hym as longe as it will last Item to my cosyn John

Fitton a hope rynge of golde Item to my cosyn Ellyn his wif a little ringe of gold w^{t} a ruby therin Itm to my cosyn Katyn Grosvenor my best bed hillinge of tapstre werke and my best beede And after her deth the bed hillinge to my cosyn Ric^{d} her son Itm to the saide Ric^{d} a golde rynge that was my husbande And to my cosyn his wif my pillyn w^{t} the best hillinge of wolsted Itm to my cosyn Elizabeth Goodman my tippet of sarsnet Item to my cosyn Mowde Tatton a casket w^{t} a little cofer w^{t}in it and all the perles on my best girdill Item to my cosyn Isabell Ardern my blake gowne furred w^{t} graye a carpet qwesion w^{t} a blew bride opon it Item to my cosyn Elizabeth Bunbury my best girdill of velvet Item to my cosyn Elizabeth Hurlton late the wiff of Hugh Hurlton my casse of blak velvet and ye best kerchaf in my casket Item to my cosyn Alis Byrkhed late the wif of Adam Byrkehed my tawny gowne furred w^{t} blake hanke [?] a qwesion of carpet werke w^{t} a gentilwoman theron Item to Margaret Tochet my god dort a little harnes of a girdill silv and gilde Itm to my cosyn Sr Randulph Fitton ij my best salte silv and gilde w^{t} on cov Item to my cosyn Sr Henry Hawardyn my little salte silv and gilde Item to my cosyn Agnes Bomvile my weddyng ringe my best hodde and frontlet a demyse girdle the corse of golde my kyrtill of wolsted my tawny gowne revsed w^{t} blake velvet Item to my cosyn Isabell Hulme my secunde fetherbed a bolst ij blankette ij covlette w^{t} the hengyng ov her hed there she lyes and after her deth to Margaret Aldersey Item to the said Isabell Hulme vj qwysions of tapstre werke my best smok a longe pilloe a water chafer a maslen bason aft her deth to Jane Bomvile Item to Margaret Aldersey iij of my best pilloes a chaundelor y^{t} hengith in the pler w^{t} vj flowres a payre of small shete of flaxen cloth vj napkyns of twill vj of my best carpet qwesions my best cownt cloth my gret brasse pot on of my rende peses of silv my new pewter dishes iij petell potte iij quarte potte a bason an ewer of pewter my andyrons in ye pler y^{t} Sr William Bartlet gave to me a longe

paynted cofer in my cosyn Mowdꝛ chamber and my erthyn dishes and glasses and other little thingez what they be in the studye house and my gret brendret Itm to Hugh Aldersey my standinge cuppe of silv and the cov wt a brydde on ye cov Itm to my cosyn Thomas Bomvile my gret brasse panne my secūde brasse pott ij covlettꝛ ij pilloes ij voyders of pewter all my iron broches gawbartꝛ a chȳney of yren late made my gilde notte wt the cov gilde a bride on the cov all my treen vessels Item to Thomas Hoghton my tee yt was my husbandꝛ and xxs Itm to Elizabeth his wif a Saynt John hed a pese of silv that she hath in her kepynge ij new carpet qwesions a maslyn basen a newer to the same a little ringe of golde yt was my mothers Item to my goddoght Merget Hoghton xs iij chaundlers a ronde panpot wt iij fete a towell of flaxen cloth iij qurters brode ij of my olde carpet qwesions the grounde yewlowe It to Ellyn Hoghton doghter of the said Thomas ij qwesions of carpet ye ground yelow Itm to my sister Ellyn Hawardyn a carpet qwesion wt a hert theron It to my cosyn Merget Wryne vijs and a cofer corven at my beddys hedde in ye pler Itm to my cosyn Robt Rokley vjs viijd Itm to ye wyddoes of Saynt Johns wtout the northgate xld Itm to the poore mē and womē of Saynt Ursula xld Itm to Sr James pst of Saynt Ursula vjs viijd a flockbed and a bolster Itm to Sr Peris Wyrvyne vjs viijd Item to Agnes Wyrvyne my eldest gowne revsit wt velvet a smok and xld Itm to Jonet Ellyn and Mawde doghters of Ric̄ Ledsam ichon of theym a kerchaf of myne Itm to Agnes Manley late the wif of Ric̄ Manley xld ij covlettꝛ a paire of ronde flaxen shetꝛ my secūde blake gowne revset wt velvet a mātill a little broch of iryn a new cāvas towell iij qrters browde a canvas bordecloth Itm to Nicholas Devias a grene covlet Item to Agnes Dugdale ij covlettꝛ a smoke a mattras ij canvas shetꝛ a new cāvas towell iij qrters brode if she be my servnt when I dye Itm to Ricd Tyrrell vijs Itm Jonet Tyrrell doghter of the said Ricd vijs and a brasse pott of iij or iiij gallons Itm to Esabell my svnt ij covlettꝛ a matras ij cāvas shetꝛ if she be

my ꝑvnt when I dye Itm to Margaret Mores doghter of Katyn Mores to her mariage a matras vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm to Sr James Johnson stuart of the nonry of Chester vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm to Sr John Davenport vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm to Sr Henry Bullinge vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm to Sr Thomas Pynchware iij^{s} iiij^{d} Itm to Margaret Aldersey my flax and toe not sponn to her owen vantage and my yarne y^{t} is sponne to dyght it and make in cloth to be dalte to poore mē and womē where nede is at the ovsyght of Hugh Aldersey her husband and Sr Henry Devias Itm to Henry Fox xl^{d} Itm to Sr Thomas Bowker xx^{d} Itm to the cōvent of the nonry of Chest to pray for me xx^{s} to be devidet to theyme Itm to Cisle Tailior late wif to John Tailior stuart of the nonry xl^{d} Itm to Agnes Pole y^{t} was my ꝑvnt my gret cawdrne [caldron] of brasse a payre of ronde flaxen shete ij covlette a mattas Itm to my godson Thomas Grosvenor son to Ric̄ Grosvenor to by hym a som nagge xl^{s} Itm to the repac̄on of the church of Saynt Petur vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm I will that my wodde and colez be dalte and devidet among the pore people as there nede is Itm if any legasy gyven to any ꝑson or ꝑsons be worne or other ways disposed I will y^{t} legasy be voide Itm my olde pewter dishes to be dalte betwix Agnes Pole and Agnes Dugdale if the said Agnes be my ꝑvnt And if any of the forsaide dye or ellys be maryed or I depte or els out of the cōtrey then I will that theire legasies be disposed to the mariage of pore maydens at the ovsyght of myn executo^{r}s and ovseers as can be thought most remedy for my soule Itm to the ij doghters of Edward Bothūmes not maried to aither of theym to there mariage xl^{s} Itm to George Fitton to the mariage of his doghters xxvj^{s} viij^{d} Itm to the chapell of Sydynton vj^{s} viij^{d} at the ovsight of Sr Randulph Fitton ꝑson of Gawsewarth as he thinke nedefull Itm to the dogh of Margery Waren to her mariage xx^{s} Itm to frere Wiłm Dave dwellinge at the Blak Freres in London x^{s} Itm to by an albe and ye mēdynge of the chales xx^{s} Itm to Alis Spencer to her mariage vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm to Agnes Pole and Agnes Dugdale to aither of theyme vj^{s}

viij^{d} Itm Randulph Bomvile to goe forward w^{t} hym xl^{s} It to Edward Bomvile xiij^{s} iiij^{d} The residew of my goodes to be disposed to mariage of pore maydyns at the ovsight of myne executo^{r}s and ovseers And this my testament well and truly to be fulfilled I orden and make Sr Randulph Fitton pson of Gawsewurth Sr James Johnson late stuart of the nonnes Hugh Aldersey Sr James Ric^{d}son [Richardson] pst of Saynt Ursula chapell and Sr Henry Devias myne executo^{r}s my lady Dame Margery Pasmych priores of the nonry my cosyn Ric^{d} Grosvenor of Eton my son Thomas Hawardyn aldermā of Chest Thomas Bomvile ovseers Wittnes Sr Petur Wyrvyne pste Mode Tatton Isabell Hulme and Margaret Aldersey Written the iiijth day of Decembre in the yere of o^{r} Lord mccccxx.

THE WILL OF SIR HENRY TURTON FELLOW OF THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF MANCHESTER.[1]

IN ye name of Gode Amen M^{dum} ye yere of ow^{r} Lorde Gode a thousand v hundrethe xxxiij ye secūde day of Maye I Sr Henry Turton chaplen and felow in ye college of ow^{r} Lady in Mamchest beyng in reght mynd and pfyte memorye make my wyll and testament in yis man of wyse foloyng Fyrst I beqwythe my sawle to Almyghty Gode to ow^{r} lady Saynt Mary and to all ye holy cūpany in hevyn and my body to be beryed before Saynte Mychaell awlter in ye chyrche of Māchest^{r} thorow ye lycence of my M^{r} ye warden of ye sayde college Also I beqwethe for my dyrge and masse done ye day of my sepulture In p^{r}mis to my M^{r} xvj^{d} Itm to evy felow of the sayde college viij^{d} Itm to evy diacon iiij^{d} and to evy chorist^{r} ij^{d} Itm to ye pyche clark for ye obete and ryngyng xx^{d}

[1] No date of probate.

Itm to ye belman ij^d^ Itm to poore pepyll v^s^ also I beqwethe to y^e^ .....[1] of Mamchest^r^ all my pryksonge bookis of masse antemꝭ and sqwarꝭ Itm I beqwethe to my M^r^ ij bookꝭ or volumes of Origenꝭ warkꝭ omeles[2] for his lyfe and aft^r^ hym to remayne in ye library aforesayd Itm I beqwethe to Sr John Bexwyke ij payre of spectacles w^t^ y^r^ cassis to Sr Jamis Grene a lytyll booke callyd Evagatoriū Itm to Sr John Berket a booke callyd Auriū Opus Itm to Sr John Ademson a lytyll booke callyd P^r^cordiale Devotoꝝ w^t^ other warkꝭ in ye same Itm to Sr John Key a booke callyd Forma vboꝝ w^t^ other devote warkes in ye same Itm I beqwethe to Sr John Coppage ye New Testament of Erasmus translacōn and Elucidaciones in Epistola Pauli Itm I beqwethe my rydyng knyffe to Sr John Awdley vycare at Lychfeld Itm I beqwethe to Sr Ric̄ Bradshaw a booke callyd Lowdolfe de Vita X^i^ also I gyffe my prȳtyd masse booke to Sencte Mychaellꝭ awt̄ p^r^ce vj^s^ and a pax brede p^r^o ix Also I beqwethe a new ymnall to ye use of qwer for ye p̄sentor to ocupy And all thes bookꝭ at thes menꝭ deptyng afor namyd from ye college or when Gode schall call them I wyll thay schall remayn to ye college to be dystrybut to ye felows of ye sayd colleg by ye handꝭ of ye M^r^ frome tyme to tyme for to edyfy themselfe in vertwe Also I gyve to Sr John Bexwyk a lytyll booke callyd Cōstitucōēs Ꝑvincialꝭ Also I gyve to Sr John Ademson a p^r^ntyd musyke boke and to Sr John Coppage a corinall [?] Also I wyll y^t^ my ij portews be gyvyn to sume poore pryst new mayde to pray for me And all ye rest of goodꝭ I gyve to my ij systers M^d^gret and Amye and thay to be my full executors and Sr Ric̄ Bradshaw and Sr John Coppage to be o^d^sears of yis my wyll and for y^r^ payne truly down to have ychē of them iij^s^ iiij^d^ and I wyll y^t^ my systers aforesayd cawse my twelmōthe mynd to be done of ye goodꝭ y^t^ I leve thame aft^d^ ye forme y^t^ Sr Rauffe Modys was down.

[1] College? [2] [And] Homilies?

THE WILL OF ROBERT HOLT OF STUBLEY ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. The xviijth daye of Decembre in the yere of oure Lord God m ccccc liiij and in the ffyrste and secounde yeres of the reignes of oure sovayrygne lord and lady Phyllippe and Mary &c. I Robert Holt of Stublaye in the countye of Lanc̃ esquyer sycke in body nottw^{t}standynge in ꝑfecte mynde and holle of memory thankes be to God therfore consyderynge the mysarable estate of mā the daye and howre of deathe to be uncerten do orden and make this my ꝑsent testamente conteynynge herein my laste wyll in manꝶ and forme folowynge ffyrste and pryncypally I gyve and hollye bequethe my sole to the eternall lyvynge God the only maker and redemer of mankynde and my body to be buryed in the chauncell in the parysshe churche of Rachedale nere wheare my father was buryed that ys to saye my fete to lye nere wheare as the head of my wyffe lyethe in as shorte a tyme as any honeste ꝑvysyon can be convenyentlye made for my entyremente The expenses costes and charges towchynge my said entyrement to be levyed of my goodꝭ by the descresyon of myne executor hearafter to be named Itm to Elizabethe Holt xl^{s} to be payed at suche tyme as she shall goe frome my nephu Robert Holt or be maryed It̃ to Sr Robert Turnagh preiste xl^{os} to be payed unto hym in thre yeres Itm to Thomas Goreld xx^{os} Itm to Alex̃ Brydge xx^{os} and the colte whyche I had of

[1] His post mortem inquisition was taken 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, and his nephew and heir was Robert, son of William Holt Gent. by his wife Alice, daughter of Sir John Savile of Newhall in the county of York Knt. and of the age of fifty years.—*Lanc. MSS.* vol. xiv. p. 118. According to Glover's Visitation in 1567, his daughter, Margaret Holt, married John Mirfield of Tong Hall in the county of York Esq. "liv. 8 Edw. IV." (which date must be erroneous.) He bought abbey lands, rebuilt his house of Stubley, conformed to the Reformation, promoted its extension in the parish of Rochdale, and was an influential Justice of the Peace.

hym whyche was of his mare Itm to Edmunde Mylne xl^{os} to be payed in thre yeares Itm to Rychard Holt xl^{os} to be payed in thre yeares Itm to Roger Holt xiij^{s} iiij^{d} to be payed in ij yeares Itm to my nece Jane ye wyffe of Edward Butꝑworth[1] one heffer Itm to my cosyn Robert Butꝑworth one gowne lyned w^{t} damaske Itm to Rychard Holt a saten dublett Itm to Edmund Mylne a saye dowblett It to John Copp a kelter coote Itm wheare as ye said Rychard Holt haithe a lease of ye grãnnte of me and my said nephu of one certen tenement called Breers Depelaychehyll nowe in the holdyng of Edward Brerelye yt ys my wyll yf the said Edwarde be so cõtẽted that ye said Rychard Holt shall haue and occupy ye one halff of ye said teñet duryng so many yeres as the said Edward haithe yet to expyre And then after that ye said Edward and Isabell his wyffe to haue and occupye ye halffe of ye said tenemente durynge so many yeres w^{t}in the lease of ye said Rychard as the said Ric̃ shall occupye w^{t} in theyr lease yf eyther ye sayd Edward or Isabell shall so lonnge lyve And yf ye said Edwarde wyll not thus be contented then yt ys my wyll that yf ye said Edward or Isabell haue com̃ytted or hereafter shall commytt any acte or actꝭ wherby ye said tenemente or any pcell therof shalbe forfeted eyther by fallynge of woodꝭ or lettyng downe of howses or any other wayes that then and immediatlye eꝑy suche forfeture shall growe and come to ye use pfyte and behove of ye said Rychard Holt And then he forthew^{t} to entre upon the same and yt to occupye accordynge to the effecte of his lease And yf no forfeture be made then the said Rychard to entre upon ye holle tenemente immedyatly aftꝑ ye determynac̃on of the said his lease Itm to my said nephu Robert Holt ye warde and maryage of Emme Goye nowe beynge my ward w^{t} all suche leases and tackꝭ of groundꝭ and tythes of corne or any other whatsoeꝑ they be as I have of any pson or psons Itm to James Holt iij^{os} iiij^{d} Itm to Edward Wardell iij^{os} iiij^{d} Itm yt ys my wyll

[1] Of Belfield.

that all suche dettꝭ as I do owe aswell those that I haue not sett uppon my wyll yf any suche can be duly ꝑved as those yᵗ I haue caused to be wrytte herin shalbe truly payed unto who so evꝶ I do owe any Itm I wyll that iij of my gretteste brasse pottꝭ ij garnysshe of pewter vessell iiij fetherbeddꝭ wᵗ all thyngꝭ therto belongynge shall remayne att Stubley as heire lomes The resydue of all my goodꝭ my funerall expences legacies and dettꝭ payd I wholly gyve to the said Robert Holt my nephu whome I do orden &c. my sole and lawfull executor &c. In wyttnes &c. These beynge wyttenes Robert Turnāgh preiste Rychard Holt Henry Holt Edmunde Mylne and others.

From the debts owing by the testator "to my systꝶ Angnes Barton wydowe and her dowghters xiijˡⁱ vjˢ viijᵈ." From debts owing to the testator, "of Nycholas Sayvell vjˡⁱ xiijˢ viijᵈ wherof I wyll that iiijˡⁱ shalbe gyven towardꝭ the mendyng of the church of Rachedale and byenge of ornamentꝭ to yᵉ same And liijˢ iiijᵈ to be geven to pore folkes for my sole and for the sowle of Renolde Lighe."

Endorsed as proved before the Dean of Blackburn, but no date of probate.

THE WILL OF ELENOR WIDOW OF ROBERT LANGLEY OF AGECROFT ESQ.[1]

....no Dñi mˡⁱᵐᵒ Dᵐᵒ tricesimo secūdo desimo die mēsis Maii ego Elenora Langley vidua compos ..... et

[1] No date of probate. Eleanor daughter of William Radclyffe of Ordsall Esq. married (covenants dated 17th Edward IV. Dodsworth vol. 87, fo. 164.) Robert son and heir of John Langley of Agecroft Esq., by whom she had Thomas Langley her son and heir, who died in his father's lifetime; William, Rector of Prestwich and executor of his mother's will; Edmund and Laurence, both dead in 1568; and Anne, wife of John Greenhalgh of Brandlesome Esq.

in corpore cōdo meū testamētū in hūc modū In p^rmis .. ... ego aīam meā Deo oīpotēti bt̃e Marie oībusq; sc̃tis ejus corpusque meū sepeliēd̃ in nova capella in pte australi ecc̃lie pochialis .....e Marie de P̃stwych Iīm I wyll and beqweth vij markę to ye intēt y^t an honest and well disposed p̃st shall pray for ye saule of myn husband my saule and all Cristē saules and shall by ye space of on zere saye dayly ye Dirige w^t ye Colet Deus Una spes and oy^r divine service and masse qwen he ys disposed in ye sayd chapell Also I wyll that ij pore scolers shall haue ayther of thaym eve̅ Fridaye on pēne duryng ye sayd yere distributed of ye hondę of ye p̃st y^t shall say masse y^r that daye And the saides scolers knelyng opon thayre kneys shall pray for ye saulę aforesayd duryng ye masse tyme Iīm to my cosē Robert Langley esq̃er xx^os Iīm to my cosē Cecilie hys wyff vj^s viij^d Iīm to my dogh̅t̃ Anne Grenehalgh iij^li a stōdyng bedde w^t ye hengyngę of ye said bedde and an matares Also to my son Edmūd Langley iij^li Iīm to my son Laurans Langley iij^li Iīm to my syst̃ Clemēs Chetam vj^os viij^d Iīm to Elenore P̃stwych xx^os Iīm to ye dogh̅t̃s of my son Thomas L. Elenore and Jone eyther of thaym xl^os Also I wyll that my son pson [the parson] shall have my fether bedde my best mātyll a carpet a seller and curtē all of qwyte and a cov̅-yng to ye said bedde of tapstre werke Iīm to ye wyff of Thom^ns Hollond a pan Iī to Elenore P̃stwych and Anne hyr syst̃ eyther of thaym a cofer Iīm to Alys Rydych a pott and halfe a quartỹn of yorne Iīm to Cecill Ashetō a materes and iij^os iiij^d Iī to ye nurse my best curtyll Iīm to my syst̃ Clemēs my best gowne Iīm to Elē Gest my workedaye goyne a cowte and a serke Iīm to Elynore Chetā a curtyll and a serke Iīm to ye doghters of John Grenehalgh Elyzabeth and Anne ey̅ of thaym xx^os Iīm to Sr John Mosse xiij^s iiij^d Iīm to Jane Chetā my werse gowne Iīm to Añe Asshetō a spruce cofur Iīm to Wyll^m Langley vj^s viij^d Iīm to ye church of Eccles xx^os Iīm to Thom^ns Scholę xij^d Iīm to Elenore Scholę iiij^d Iīm to my son Wyllm L. pson of P̃stwych aforesayde on kow Iīm I

bequeth xxvj^{os} viij^{d} to bye a sute to say masse in and to be occupied in the chapell where I shall be buryett Residuū vero bonoꝝ meoꝝ nō p^{r}us legatoꝝ post q^{m}m legata mea inde fuerint soluta do et lego distribuēd̄ ꝑ salute aīe mee Ītm I wyll thatt my cosē Sr Alex̄ Radcliffe knyght be ye supvisor of thys my last wyll Ītm I ordē and make my sayde son Wyłłm L. ꝑson of P̄stwych a fore sayd and my servnt Sr John Mosse p^{r}st the executors of thys my p^{r}sent last wyll to be fulfyld accordyng as ys afore sayd Yevē the daye and yere aboue wrytē Thes beyng wytteness [of] hyt John Radclyff gent̄ Sr John Lathū ꝑst Sr John Hyll ꝑst and oy^{r}.

THE WILL OF HENRY TRAFFORD, RECTOR OF WILMSLOW.[1]

IN the name &c. The foureteenthe day of August 1591 and in the three and thryttyth yeare of the regne of our sovereigne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace &c. I Henrye Trafforde clerke ꝑson of Wilmes lowe beinge troblet somewhat with infirmytyes yet neverthelesse havinge good and ꝑfecte remembraunce and memorie thankes and prayse be therefore geven to almightye God And dowtynge the uncerteyntye of this lyfe doe ordeyne my last will and testamente &c. ffirst I comende my soule unto almyghtye God my Creator and Maker not dowtynge but moste constantly belevinge that the same of his infinyte mercye and goodnes throughe the meritte and passion of his dearely beloved sonne our Lorde and Savyor Jesus Christe

[1] Proved 17th September 1591. Henry, fourth son of Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford Knt. by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Ralph Longford of Longford, Knt., Rector of Wilmslow, to which living he was presented in 1542 by his brother Edmund Trafford Esq. He died 3rd September 1591, and was buried there on the day following — *Suffield MSS.*, and Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 311.

shalbe and remayne amongest the moste blessed cōpanye of the electe sanctę in heaven And it is my wyll that my bodye shalbe buryed in the place wheare myne uncle Willyam Trafforde was buryed or as nere to the said place as convenyentely may be Also that after my deceasse at my buryall Mr Caldewall[1] pson of Moberleye shalbe procured to make a sermon theare and he to haue for his paynes takynge in that behalfe vj^s^ viij^d^ Also that theare shall no mournynge gownes be geven or had at my said buryall but that theare shalbe a worshipfull dynyer made for my frendes that shall happen to be at my said buryall Also that all my bookes in Englysh shalbe and remayne at and in the parysh churche of Wylmeslowe foresaide to the use of the same churche theare Also that whomsoev̄ shall fortune to serve as curate at the said churche of Wylmeslowe at the tyme of my decease shall haue my best gowne Itm unto my nevewe Edmunde Trafforde of Trafforde esquier one oxe or els foure poundes of lawfull Englysh moneye Also unto my lyttle nevewes Edmunde T. and John T. his sonnes two brasse pannes of the best two brasse pottę of the best and six sylver spones equally to be devyded betwyxte them Also I will &c. unto Thomas Leighe of Adlington and Randell Davemporte of Henburye esquyers eyther of them three poundes six shillinges and eighte pence as a remembraunce for their gentylnes and paynes takynge in execution heareof And also I doe frely forgeve all and every such debtę as at the tyme of my deceasse shall happen to be owynge unto me or for all corne hearetofore solde and now owynge for as also the Easter booke Also that all the glasse bed stockes and hyngynges belongynge remaynynge and beynge in and aboute the psonage whearein I now dwell wth all bordes and shelves in the hall butrye and kytchyn one greate fornasse of leade wth all the bed clothes belongynge to the bed wheare Willm Massye now lyeth shalbe and remayne at the said parsonage

[1] For a biographical notice of this distinguished preacher see *Derby Household Books*, printed by the Chetham Society, p. 132, note.

to the use of whom it shall fortune to be psone theare after my decease Also to Randell Harryson my servaunte the bed that I lye in that is to saye a fetherbed a mattresse a bolster one pyllowe two blanckettꝭ one coverlette one payre of teare hempe sheetꝭ one melche cowe and all the rest of myn apparell belongynge to my bodye Also to Lawrens Hardeyn myn olde servaunte a brasse panne best but two Also unto John Smyth my servaunte one cowe calve Also unto ffrauncis Reve my servaunte six stone of scotched hempe Item unto Roberte Brucke and Thomas Bancroft my servauntꝭ eyther of theim ten shillyngꝭ over and besydes their wages then dewe unto theim Also unto Edmunde Trafforde sonne of Thomas T. my brother a cowe calve The resydewe of all my goodes and cattalles I beynge broughte home as ys aforesaide my debtꝭ payed yf theare be anye my bequestes and funeralles discharged I geve &c. to my nevewes Alexander Trafforde Lawrence T. Anthonye T. and John T. equallye to be devydẹd amongest theim And for the sure pformacõn of this my said last will and testamt I doe ordeyne &c. the above named Thomas Leighe of Adlyngton and Randell Davemporte of Henburye esquyers my true and lawfull executors to execute &c. as myn especyall trust is in theim And I will and desyre my said nephewe Edmunde Trafforde esquyre to see the same in all thyngꝭ performed &c. as my faythfull trust ys in him In wytnes &c. These beynge presente &c. John Dale Mr Edwarde Grene Humfrey Newton William Norburye Henry Trayfford.[1]

[1] This signature is autograph.

THE WILL OF DAME JANE WIDOW OF SIR LAWRENCE SMITH OF HOUGH KNT.[1]

IN the &c. the vjth daie of Auguste in the yeare of our Lorde God one thousande fyve hundred fourescore and tenne I Dame Jane Smythe widow late wief of Sr Lawrence Smyth in the countie of Chester knight deceassed somewhat disseased in bodye but whole in mynde &c. make my laste will &c. ffirste and principallie I bequeath geve and comend my soule &c. I geve and bequeath to Sr Wiffm Brereton my sonne all such beddinge and naperye and linnens wth the cheste wherin the saide linnens be wch at this ꝑsente are in my chamber at Brereton I geve unto him lykewaies my plaine velvet gowne And wheare he had lefte him by his father Sr Wiffm Brereton knight my firste husband two peeces of goold wch are not nowe to be had I geve unto my saide sonne in steede of these two peeces three other peeces of golde Unto my saide sonne also the firste choyse of any one of my ringe wth stones in theim excepte one diamond ringe and one turquoise ringe Unto my saide sonne my prayer booke co⁊ed wth massye gold to be an heirelowme unto his howse and to be worne by the ladye or M^{ris} of the hall of Brereton from tyme to tyme and first to be enioyed and possessed by her that shall happen to be the wief of him that my saide sonne shall make and establishe his heire and not before Unto my said sonnes two daughters Elenor and Marye eyther of theim an angell or x^{s} of golde

[1] Proved 27th September 1597. The testatrix was daughter of Sir Piers Warburton of Arley, and married first Sir William Brereton of Brereton Knt., by whom she had Sir William Brereton, created Lord Brereton of Leighlin in Ireland, and five daughters, Mary, Elizabeth wife of Thomas Venables of Kinderton Esq., Jane wife of John Legh of Booths Esq., Anne wife of Sir Thomas Smith of Hatherton, and Susanna. She married secondly, January 20th 1560-61, Sir Lawrence Smith of Hough Knt., by whom she had no issue. — Ormerod, vol. iii. pp. 52 and 260.

Secondlie I geve &c. to Elizabeth Venables my daughter my diamond ringe before excepted Unto Thom^{as} Venables esquier my sonn in lawe husband unto my saide daughter a ringe wth a stone in hit for a remembrance Unto my neeses Elizabeth Edgerton and Marye Venables daughters of my saide daughter either of theim an angell or peice of golde of x^{s} Thirdlye I geve &c. to Anne Smyth my daughter my turquoise ringe before excepted and my wrought velvet gowne Unto my saide daughter Ann Smithe alsoe the use and wearinge of my chaine and all other my jewell^{s} not geven or disposed to anye other by this my laste will for and duringe the tearme of her naturall lief and after my saide daughter her deathe my will is that the saide cheyne shall remaine unto Laurence Smithe sonne of my saide daughter to thend the saide cheyne maye be an heirelome to the said Laurence Smithe his heires lord^{s} and owners of his howse And for my jewell^{s} my will is that after the death of my saide daughter Anne Smythe they doe aud shall remayne unto Jane Smyth daughter of my said daughter and sister to the saide Laurence Unto the said Laurence an angell or peice of golde of x^{s} Unto the [said] Jane Smithe one angell or peice of golde of x^{s} and two little juelles suche as my saide daughter her mother by my appoyntem^{t} is to deliv^{r} unto her Unto Thom^{as} Smith esquier my sonne in lawe and husband of my saide daughter one golde ringe wth a stone in it and one stronge peice of golde wch I had of the guifte of his father Sr Laurence Smithe knighte my late husband Unto Edwarde Smithe my late husbande his yonger sonne one angell or peice of golde of x^{s} ffourthlie I geve &c. unto Jane Leighe my daughter one ringe wth a stone in hitt and my silke gowne Unto John Leighe esq^{r} my sonne in lawe and husband of my saide daughter one golde ringe wthout a stone suche as by my appoyntment my daughter Anne Smithe is to deliv^{r} unto theim Unto the children of my saide daughter angell^{s} or peices of golde of x^{s} to ev^{ry}e of theim one Unto my cosin Bridget Davemport of Davemporte th'elder my weddinge ringe and to her

three daughters Elenor Jane and Bridget evye of theim one ringe of golde Unto my cosin Mary Bressye of the Cliff my fyne clothe gowne my plaine velvet doublet a silke curtell and my cloake and savegarde wth my seconde beste peticote Unto Ellen Perpoynte the wief of Henrye Perpoint of Breerton a gowne of buffen and to Elizabeth Edge the curate his wief of Brereton one other gowne of buffen and to Anne ffradsham my sonnes nurse one other gowne of buffen Unto M^r^gret Leighe beinge my waytinge woman at this psente for her service and towardę her pferment twentie poundę alsoe I geve unto her a peticoate garded wth lace wth my ridinge saddle and all the furniture therto belonginge Alsoe my will is that wheare I holde it vaine [and] supfluous to have any pompe or vaine expences aboute my funerallę in steede of blackę xl^tie^ poundę I will maye be distributed amongste the poore of Namptwich Congleton Brereton Batherton and Wibunburie as by the discretion of my executor shalbe thought moste needfull and convenient. Unto Johan Heiward my fryze peticoate and desire that my sonne Brereton be good unto her at her mariage for an offeringe amongeste his tennantę Also I will that a blacke cloath be the cover of the heirse and that therbee twoe of theim the one fyner then th'other and the fyner to be bestowed uppon the incumbent of the church where I shall fortune to be buried and th'other to remaine accordinge to the tyme used Lastlie my will is and I geve unto Anne Smithe my daughter all the reste of my goodę and chattellę whatsoever whom alsoe I doe make &c. my sole and onelye executor &c. &c. These beinge witnesses Wm Perren Richard Ellison Henrye Ellison.

THE WILL OF ROBERT DUKENFIELD OF DUKENFIELD ESQ.[1]

IN the name off God Amen the xxiijth daye of Marche in the yere of o^{r} Lord God a M. V^{c} fortie and sixte and also in the fourthe yere of ye reigne of o^{r} most dred sovayne lord Edward ye sixte by ye grace &c. I Robart Dokenfelde sicke in bodie &c. ffirste I geve and bequeth my soule to allmyghtie God and to his blessed mother Marie ye virgin w^{t} all ye holye company of heven my bodie to be buryed w^{t}in my quire in ye church of Alhallowes of Stockporte It̃ I geve and bequethe unto ye handꝭ of my execut^{r}ꝭ ye custodie of my sone and heire and I will y^{t} he shall take and receve of my demens yerelye x markꝭ to kepe him apon till such tyme as he come to the age of xxi^{ti} yere y^{t} he be able to receve and take ye pfyttꝭ of ye landꝭ himeself It̃ I will y^{t} my execut^{r}ꝭ shall marye my sayd sone and heire as ye thynke mete and w^{t} ye mariage good y^{t} ye do take for hyme I [will] y^{t} ye shall geve unto ye mariage of my oth^{r} dought^{r} Elen an hundreth poundꝭ and to eth^{r} of my oth^{r} doughtꝭ Jane and M^{a}garet one hundreth markꝭ to marie them wth and where the sayd mariage good aft^{r} ye oulde extent of my landꝭ will not reche to so grete a some after my dettꝭ payed I will y^{t} my executꝭ shall take of my landꝭ yerely tenn markꝭ unto such tyme as ye sayd mariage good be made one hundreth poundꝭ tow hundreth markꝭ to ye use afforesayd It̃ I geve to my execut^{r}ꝭ ye custodie of my thre dought^{r}ꝭ and y^{t} ye shall take and receive yerelye of my demenes or landꝭ to fynd them

[1] No date of probate. The testator was son and heir of John Dukenfield of Dukenfield Esq. by Jane, widow of Nicholas Langford of Langford (daughter of Sir Nicholas Langford — *Harl. MSS.* 2012, fo. 52). He married Ellen, daughter of Sir William Brereton of Brereton Knt., and was ancestor of Col. Robert Dukenfield, the celebrated parliament officer, whose son was created a Baronet by Charles II. in 1665. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 398.

uppon ye sōme of x mark^ꝭ^ If any of them go to ye custodie of hir moth^ꝯ^ then I will y^t^ she shall have no ꝑte of ye forsaid tenn mark^ꝭ^ Ittm I geve to Rauff Dokenfeld my young^ꝯ^ sone all those my closes medowes or pastures called Brent Yerth ye Warthe Medowe and ye New Medowe about ye Cowe Banke House as it is now inclosed wth hedges and diches lyenge and beynge w^t^in Brynyngtō in ye coñtie of Chest^ꝯ^ and ꝑsell of my demenes att Portwoode and now in ye tennure and occupaciō of me ye foresayd Robart Dokenfeld to have &c. to ye sayd Rauffe Dokenfeld my younger soñe and to his assignes for and durynge all ye life of ye foresayd Rauff for and in name of one añuyte of vj mark^ꝭ^ yerely to hyme the sayd Rauff yeldynge and payenge for y^e^ ꝑmysses yerely durynge his liff as is aforesayd to my heres execut^rꝭ^ or assygnes aft^ꝯ^ my decease one redde rose floure at the feaste of the nativitie of Saynt John Baptiste if it be aaket I will y^t^ my sayd soñe and heire shall have thoccupacion of y^e^ ꝑmysses at such tyme as he cometh to ye full age of xxj yeres payenge unto ye sayd Rauff or his assignes durynge ye terme of his liff sixe mark^ꝭ^ at ye feast of ye nativitie of Saynt John Baptiste and Saynt Martyn the Bishope in wint^ꝯ^ by even porcions Itt I will furth^ꝯ^ y^t^ my execut^rꝭ^ shall have my sayd soñe Rauff and his anūyte in y^ꝯ^ kepynge and to kepe hyme unto ye scole unto such tyme as Wiltm Dokenfeld my sone and my heire come to ye age of xxj yeres and then he to come to his custodie and be w^t^ hyme unto such tyme as he be able to take and receive ye annuyte hyme self so that in no wise he shall come into ye custodie of his moth^ꝯ^ and if she do make any sute for hyme if ye lawe be y^t^ she have hime into hir custodie I will y^t^ my execut^rꝭ^ shall kepe ye estate of myne annuyte mad unto hyme in th^ꝯ^ hand^ꝭ^ deliveryng hyme yerlye so much as shalbe like for his exebition and kepynge hyme to ye scole and ye rest to kepe in y^ꝯ^ hand^ꝭ^ and deliv^ꝯ^ the estate and it togeth^ꝯ^ unto hyme when he comes to his lawfull age Itt I geve to Robart Dokenfeld my bastard sōne all y^t^ those my teneymēt^ꝭ^ and land^ꝭ^ in Dukenfeld in ye sayd coūtie of Chest^ꝯ^ nowe

or late in ye tennor or occupacion of John Bēnet sōne of ye yerely rentꝭ of xxviij^s^ iiij^d^ also all y^t^ my tenemētꝭ and landꝭ in Dokenfeld afforesayd now or late in ye tenor or occupaciō of George Hollyngworth of ye yerely rent of v^s^ viij^d^ and also all that my tenimentꝭ landꝭ in Stockeport in the tenure of Nicolas Hybart of the yerelye rent of xiij^s^ iiij^d^ and also all y^t^ my tenimēt and landꝭ in Stokporte in ye tenure of John Brouke of ye yerelye rent of xxij^s^ viij^d^ and also all y^t^ my tenemetꝭ and landꝭ in Stotporte in ye tenore of Antony Elcoke of ye yerely rent of ix^s^ to have and to hold &c. to ye sayd Robart Dokenfeld my bastard sōne and to his assignes for terme of life of ye same Robart yeldynge yerely to Jane Swiñton moth^r^ of me the sayd Robart durynge hir life and aft^r^ hir decesse to my heires and assignes durynge ye sayd terme for ye p̄mysses in Dokenfeld aforesayd lattlye in ye occupaciō of ye sayd John Beñetson viij^s^ of good and lawfull money of England at ye feastꝭ of Saint M^r^tyne ye Bushope in win^t^ and ye nativitie of Saynt John Baptiste by even porcions and also yeldynge to ye chefe lord of Stockpord aforesayd and to ye heres for ye p̄mysses in Stockport aforesayd late in ye occupaciō of ye sayd Nicholas Hebarte iij^s^ iiij^d^ and to Willm Hide of Urmeston and to his heires for ye same xij^d^ of lawfull money of England at ye festꝭ aforesayd and also yeldynge yerely to ye heres and assignes of me ye sayd Robart Dokenfeld for ye p̄mysses in Stockport aforesayd late in ye occupacion of ye said John Brocke xij^s^ viij^d^ of lawfull money of England at ye feastꝭ aforemencioned by even porcions also I geve to my executꝭ all my goodꝭ and cattels unbequested movable and unmovable to ye payenge of my dettꝭ and p̄formance of my will Also I geve to ye handꝭ of my sayd execut^r^ꝭ all my takes or fermes y^t^ I have by lease or oth^r^wise and that ye shall take ye p̄fittꝭ over and besidꝭ ye rentꝭ towardꝭ ye payenge of my dettꝭ and dischargynge of my will Also I will y^t^ my execut^r^ꝭ shall receive and take my tithe corne of Dockenfeld and Brinington and also ye tethe corne and ye p̄fittꝭ thereof ov^r^ ye rentꝭ paynge I will shall goo to ye payeng of my dettꝭ and

to ye pformance of my will Also I bequeth to ye pformance of my will and payenge of my dettꝭ x markꝭ as it shall appere aft^9^ in this boke followynge pvided alwayes y^t^ if I doo at any time hereaft^9^ geve or bequethe any of my foresayd fermes and takꝭ unto any of my servnts or any oth^9^ pson y^t^ it shall stand in as good effecte as if thes bequestꝭ aforesayd had not byne mad and all the rest and reversion of my landꝭ wth the profitte therof I will y^t^ my execut^r^ꝭ shall take and receve to dischardge thē w^t^all unto such tyme as this my laste will be discharged also I will y^t^ my execut^r^ꝭ shalbe in full possession of all my landꝭ and tenemētꝭ w^t^ oth^9^ my tackes and farmes payenge out of ye same yerely accordynge to this my last will Also I orden and make my lawfull execut^r^ꝭ my trustie and welbeloved cosens Sr Edmūde Treford knyght John Ardren of Hawarden Charles Manwaryng of Croxton esquires and Wiłłm Dokenfeld my sone and heire and supvisors Sr Richard Houghton Sr Robarte Langley of Agecrofte if he be non of my execut^r^ꝭ S^r^ Wiłłm Davenport of Brāall and my cosyns John Beamonde and Rauffe Dolton[1] of Hatton esquires Itm I geve unto Wiłłm Dokenfeld my sone and heire my greit twoo edged sword and my lesse tow edged sword wch I do weare my self w^t^ my grete new buckler and my short armyng sword wth my dagar wch is garnished wth silv and also my batell axe wth all oth^9^ harnishe belongyng to my bodie and I will y^t^ my execut^r^ꝭ shall deliv all to hime at such tyme as he shalbe able to have ye governance of ye same hime selfe Itm I will y^t^ my execut^r^ꝭ shall receve of ye haule wth ye orchardꝭ gardens and dere pke at Porwod wth the Grymisbothom in ye coūtie of Lancast and of ye demenes of Brynyngton and Dokenfeld yerelye seven markꝭ and also I will y^t^ my execut^r^ꝭ shall receve the services pfittꝭ and advantagꝭ of thes tenimentꝭ followynge in the name of xl^s^ yerely wch somes afore written do amont unto x markꝭ yerely ov all chargis and rep^r^ses Also I will that my execut^r^ꝭ shall paye out of ye sayd tenemetꝭ as

[1] Dutton.

apereth hereaft⁹ ffurst out of ye tenemēt of ye wife of Robart Oldam toward my mothers rent yerely iiij^s j^d and also payeng out of ye sayd tenemet⁊ of Rauff Heritage in Dokenfeld Robart Sele uxor Robart Smith Thom^ᾶ^s High^ᾶ^m and the wife of Robart Oldam aforesayd in Brynyngton yerely towardes the anuyte of Edmunde Dokenfeld my brother xxvj^s and iiij^d and xiij^s of the sayd xxvj^s iiij^d to be and stand for xiij^s wch the sayd Edmund shuld have had out of ye sayd house of Thom^ᾶ^s Oldam and the forsayd x mark⁊ I will shall go to the discharginge of my will and payenge of my dett⁊ unto such tyme as ye sayd will and dett⁊ be fully discharged if my good⁊ and bequest⁊ afore written will not discharge the same thes beyng witnes Edmunde Duckenfeld Rauff ffydelar Ric̄ Hudson Thom^ᾶ^s Knotte John Bexwicke and Robart Lacie wth others.

THE INVENTORY OF DAME CICELY DELVES, WIDOW.[1]

December 29, 1562. The will of "Dame Cicele Delves off Weston w^t^in the paryshe off Webunburye in the cowntye off Chest⁹ widow late the wyffe off Syr Henrye Delves knyght deceasyd." After directing the unpaid debts and legacies of her late husband, as well as her own debts, to be paid, she bequeaths all the residue to her "welbelovyd sone Rawffe Delves," whom she appoints her executor. "In witnes whereoff to this my last wyll &c. I the sayd Dame Cicele have put my marke the day and yeare aboveseyd in the

[1] Cicely daughter of Richard Brook, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer of London, married 4 Henry VIII. Sir Henry Delves of Doddington Knt., Sheriff of Cheshire 29 and 37 Henry VIII., and was buried at Wybunbury 3 January 1562 [1562–3.] *Ormerod*, vol. iii. p. 268. The will contains nothing of interest. — J. P.

ꝑsens off the ryght worshypffull Syr Wyllm Brooke clearke Mathew Woode[1] vicare off Wybunburye and Richard Turner wt others."

Hereafter ffolowytht the trew innventorye off all the goodes and cattallꝯ moveable and unmoveable off Dame Cicele Delves wedow late the wyffe off Sr Henrye Delves knyght latelye deceasyd taken the jx day off Januarye ao Dm̄i 1562 [1562–3] and indifferentlye preyseyd by Mathew Wood vicare off Wibunburye Randull Woodnet Richard Slade and Robert Wood yomen.

In my ladyes chameber In primis one iron bownden chest next to Mr Brookes chameber viij fflaxen table clothes liijs iiijd — vij diapur table clothes jxli vjs viijd — v dyapur table clothes off a lesse sort xxvjs viijd — vj dyapur cuppord clothes xls — vj diapur towells off the largest sorte iiijli — vj dyapur towells of a lesse sorte xxiiijs — ij cowrse dyapur towells ijs viijd — v. pleyne fflaxen towells off ye largest sorte xvs — iij ffyne conbanes off dyapur vjs — xj damaske table napkyns xviijs iiijd — xiij damaske table napkyns off a cowrser sort xiijs — xij dyapur table napkyns xijs — v other dyapur table napkyns iijs iiijd — viij conbanes off dyapur xiijs iiijd — the same iron bownden chest xs Sum̄a totalis xxvli iiijs iiijd—One iron bownden chyste next to the ffyre vj payre off ffyne sheetes and one old sheete xjli — vj peyre off fflaxen sheetes iiijli — iiij peyre off fflaxen sheetes xls — the same iron bownden chyste xiijs iiijd Sum̄a totalis xvijli xiijs iiijd — In one iron bownden chiste standinge at the hedde off ye steyre jx ffyne fflaxen sheetes iijli — v peyre off fflaxen sheetes xxvjs viijd — iiij peyre off newe reydynge sheetes xxxvs — v peyre

[1] 16th July 3 Edward VI., Matthew Wood presented by Richard, Bishop of Lichfield, to Wybunbury, vacant by the resignation of Richard Walker. In Ormerod's list of Vicars he is erroneously named Matthew Ward or Wall. 23rd June 12 Elizabeth, Matthew Wood gave bond to the Bishop on his institution to the vicarage of Wybunbury, to which he was presented by Edward Holland of Denton Esq. and Richard Wood of Kenyon in the county of Lancaster, vacant by the death of Matthew *Wood*. — *Registry*, Chester.

off reydinge sheetes xxx^{s} — the same chiste xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Sum̄a x^{li} x^{s}. In one square iron bownden chiste one clothe off nylde worke myxte w^{t} gold xl^{s} — iiij cuppord carpetts off Turkey worke viij^{li} — one table carpett off the same woorke iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — one other table carpett off tapestrye woorke xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — one bedd coveringe off arras worke iiij^{li} — ij littell carpetts ffor wyndowes off tapestrye vj^{s} — the same chiste xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Sum̄a xix^{li} xij^{s} viij^{d} — Yet in the same chameber one bedde one bolster and ij pyllowes off downe and one bedd off strawe vij^{li} — one coverynge off tapestrye xx^{s} — one payre off sheetes xvj^{s} — one payre off blanketts viij^{s} — one turnge bedstyd w^{t} stesto^{r}s and curteynes off greene say xx^{s} — one ffetherbed one bolster and ij pyllowes iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one peyre off blanketts x^{s} — one coverynge of arras woorke xx^{s} — one square cuppord iij^{s} — one rownd table ij^{s} viij^{d} — iiij throwen cheares ij^{s} viij^{d} — one littell caskett v^{s} — ij awndyrons j ffyre shovell and j peyre off tonges iij^{s} viij^{d} — henginges to the same chameber xx^{s} Summa totalis xviij^{li} iiij^{s} iiij^{d} — In the meydens chameber over the bedd next to the dore one ffetherbed one bolster one pillow off downe and one mattresse liij^{s} iiij^{d} — one coverlett to the same bedde w^{t} one blankett xij^{s} — one the bedd next the poole one ffetherbedde and one old coverlett xvj^{s} — one the thrydd bedd in the same chameber one ffetherbedd one mattresse one bolster ij pillowes whereoff one ys off downe xxx^{s} — ij coverletts to the same bedde x^{s} — iij bedstiddes vj^{s} viij^{d} Sum̄a vj^{li} viij^{s} — In Mr Brookes chameber one bedd one bolster ij pillowes off downe viij^{li} — one peyre off sheetes to the same bedde xx^{s} — one coverynge the same xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — one payre off blanketts x^{s} — the bedstyd testor and curteynes xv^{s} — one shottynge table xij^{s} — one rownd table iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one redd mantell v^{s} — ij throwen cheares xvj^{d} — ij andyrons and one peyre off tonges xx^{d} Sum̄a xij^{li} xv^{s} — In the store howse one iron bownde chest x^{s} — iiij pyllowes off clotht off tyssewe and stuffyd w^{t} downe iiij^{li} — iij sylke pyllowes stuffyd w^{t} downe xxx^{s} — vj quyshins picturyd w^{t} the lambe xxx^{s} — vj quyshins pycturyd w^{t}

the rose xx^{s} — the best coverynge off arras woorke vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}—one cownterpoynt ffor a bedd off the same worke xl^{s} — one table carpett off checker woorke xx^{s} — one other carpett off the same woorke xx^{s} — ij short table carpetts off the same woorke x^{s} — one cuppord carpet iij^{s} iiij^{d} — iij great greene table carpetts x^{s} — ij peare off ffustian blanketts xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — one payre off the best blanketts xx^{s} — one payre off the second blanketts xiiij^{s} — ij peyre off the cowrsest blanketts xiiij^{s} — one coverynge off arder lyned w^{t} canvasse iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — one old coverynge iij^{s} iiij^{d} — iiij pillowes of downe xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — iij bolsters xx^{s} — one old coverynge off arras woorke ijs — ij old coverletts one mattresse one bolster and one twyll sheete xij^{s} — quyshens one greene and the other checcker ij^{s} — xx dyson off fflaxe and hempe x^{s} — xij slippinges off linnen yarne viij^{s} — iij throwen cheares xviij^{d} — one styllatorye vj^{s} viij^{d} — one brasse tynkers panne iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one olde chaffer iiij^{s} — iij bundells off fflaxe ij^{s} — one bagge off fflockes iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one twyll sheete ij^{s} — ij pyllowes off downe x^{s} — xxvj yardes off newe canvasse xxv^{s} — ij candelstickes ffor tapers iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one bynge ffor a pantrye x^{d} — iiij great potts iij littell pottes one bason and ij ewers x^{s} Sum̄a totalis xxxvj^{li} xjx^{s} ij^{d} — In Rauffe Delves chameber iij pillowes off downe and one bolster xx^{s} — one coverynge xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — one peyre off blanketts x^{s} — one mattresse and one strawe bedde x^{s} — one peyre off sheetes x^{s} — the bedstyd w^{t} the curtens xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one chiste vj^{s} viij^{d} Sum̄a iiij^{li} xvj^{s} viij^{d} — In the yomens chameber one ffetherbedde next to the store howse doore w^{t} ij bolsters a mattres and a strawe bed xxiij^{s} iiij^{d} — ij coverletts a blankett and a peyre off sheetes xxj^{s} — the same bedstyd vj^{s} viij^{d} — one ffetherbed next to the same w^{t} ij bolsters and j pillowe xl^{s} — one coverynge off arres woorke xx^{s} — ij olde coverletts v^{s} — iij blanketts xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — the bedstyd vj^{s} viij^{d} — one peyre off sheetes ij^{s} viij^{d} — the same bedstyd iiij^{s} — one ffetherbed next to the same w^{t} ij bolsters and one old mattresse iij^{li} — the same bedstyd iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one ffether bed next to

the same w^{t} ij bolsters and one strawe bed xx^{s} — ij coverletts x^{s} — ij blanketts viij^{s} — one peyre off sheetes vj^{s} — the same bedstyd iiij^{s} — one ffetherbedd next to the same w^{t} ij bolsters xx^{s} — ij coverletts xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one blankett xij^{d} — one peyre off sheetes xij^{d} — the same bedstyd ij^{s} — one benche off throwen woorke ij^{s} — one boord xvj^{d} — in one chest standinge in the same chameber vj large platters at iiij^{s} a pease xxiiij^{s} — ij weshinge basens iiij^{s} — ij great voyders x^{s} — vij new small dyshes vij^{s} — xx newe sawcers xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — xiiij off the best platters xxviij^{s} — xij plates ffor ffruite viij^{s} — vj lesser plates iij^{s} — iij plates to ley under venyson ij^{s} — vj olde platters x^{s} — vj olde small dyshes iiij^{s} — vj olde sawcers ij^{s} — ij pottage dyshes xx^{d} x platters xx^{s} — jx small dyshes xij^{s} — vj platters xij^{s} — the same chiste v^{s} Sum̄a totalis xxij^{li} xvj^{s} viij^{d} — In the hyndes chameber one mattresse w^{t} one bolster ij^{s} iiij^{d} — ij olde coverlitts iij^{s} iiij^{d} — ij twyll sheetes ij^{s} — one peyre off sheetes ij^{s} — iij bedstiddes ij^{s} Sum̄a xj^{s} viij^{d} — In the parler in one iron bownden cheste vj table clothes off Reydinges xij^{s} — viij cowrser table clothes off reydinges x^{s} viij^{d} — iiij fflaxen table clothes xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — ij fflaxen table clothes iiij^{s} — viij towels off Reydinges xxxiiij^{s} — ij dyapur towells ij^{s} — ij olde dyapur table clothes viij^{s} — iij dyapur cuppord clothes one off fflaxen and ij off Reydinges v^{s} — one dosen table napkyns off Reydinges iiij^{s} — iij dosyn off fflaxen table napkyns xviij^{s} — one peyre off fflaxen sheetes x^{s} — v payre off reydinge sheetes xxv^{s} — the same chiste xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — jx cheares vj^{s} — v quishins viij^{s} iiij^{d} — one carpet v^{s} — the table vj^{s} viij^{d} — one carpett ffor the rownd table ij^{s} — the rownd table ij^{s} viij^{d} — one cuppord ij^{s} viij^{d} — one pleyne chiste iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one payre off aundyrons vij^{s} — one payre off tonges a ffyreshoole and a payre off bellowes iiij^{s} — iij pictures v^{s} — the henginges xxvj^{s} viij^{d} Sum̄a xj^{li} xviij^{s} viij^{d} — In the hall ij tables and ij fformes x^{s} — one square table v^{s} — one littell cuppord ij^{s} — one throwen benche ij^{s} — vj cheares iiij^{s} — one iron fforke ij^{s} viij^{d} — the payntyd clotht over the hyghe bowrd vj^{s} viij^{d} Sum̄a xxxij^{s} iiij^{d} — In the Buttrye

xv candelsickes xxx^{s} — iij washinge basens jx^{s} — ij voyders v^{s} — pewter pottes ij^{s} — one throwen benche xvj^{d} — the great table vj^{s} — one littell cuppord xx^{d} — one close table ij^{s} Sum̄a xxxvij^{s} — In the day howse ij off the byggest olde pannes x^{s} — iij littell pannes v^{s} — iij brasse potts xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one trevyt xx^{d} — xj cheese ffattes iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one chorne xvj^{d} — one close bowke xvj^{d} — ij great treene basens xij^{d} — ij treene steanes iiij^{d} — one littell stownd iiij^{d} — iij payles xvj^{d} — one hoggeshed w^{t} verges vj^{s} viij^{d} — one ffringe panne iiij^{d} — ij bowrdes w^{t} tressels xvj^{d} — one skymmer ij^{d} — one syghe dyshe iij^{d} Sum̄a xlvij^{s} jx^{d} — In the backehowse one great brasse potte iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — one great brasse panne w^{t} a corbe xx^{s} — ij littell brasse pannes viij^{s} — ij longe brendyrons x^{s} — xjx fflitches off baken iij^{li} — iij great combes xxx^{s} — iiij turnells xv^{s} — iij rownd turnels iij^{s} — one clensinge sive xvj^{d} — xxiiij barells xl^{s} — ij trowghes and one bootinge tubbe v^{s} — iiij eshins and one piggen iij^{s} — iij basketts xvj^{d} — viij syves xvj^{d} — ij here syves xvj^{d} — vij seckes or bagges ij^{s} — a beare fframe iij^{s} iiij^{d} — short boord iiij^{d} — one slynge w^{t} cordes and hookes iiij^{d} Sum̄a xiij^{li} xij^{s} — In the ketchin iiij broade spittes xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — iiij narow spittes viij^{s} — ij small spittes xx^{d} — one peyre off dowble gobartes x^{s} — iiij rackes iiij peyre off hookes and one barre off iron x^{s} — ij trevetts a ffyre fforke and a ffyre shoole v^{s} vj^{d} — ij grydyrons v^{s} — ij ketchin knyves xvj^{d} — ij choppinge knyves vj^{d} — v drepinge pannes viij^{s} — one ffryinge panne xij^{d} — one scymmer and ij brasse ladells xiiij^{d} — ij chaffynge dyshes iiij^{s} — one stewynge potte w^{t} a cover v^{s} — one caldron v^{s} — ij posnetts vj^{s} — ij great pottϱ xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} — ij other potts xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — iij lesse potts xviij^{s} — iiij small potts xviij^{s} iiij^{d} — one great brasse panne xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — iiij littell pannes xv^{s} — one skellet viij^{d} — one chaffer iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one brasse morter w^{t} a pestell viij^{s} — one littell morter ij^{s} iiij^{d} — one peyle vj^{d} — one cheare viij^{d} — iij boordes ij^{s} Sum̄a xj^{li} ij^{s} viij^{d} — In the larder howse one voyder ij^{s} viij^{d} — iiij plates ffor trenchers ij^{s} — vj platters xij^{s} — vj platters of another sort x^{s} — vij small dyshes viij^{s} — vj lesse dyshes vj^{s} — iiij

off the best sawcers ij^{s} — vj off the cowrser sawcers ij^{s} — one colender x^{d} — iij closse bowkes iiij^{s} — one powdrynge trowghe iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one same vj^{s} — one salt pyye [*sic*] xij^{s} — ij salt tubbes w^{t} a ryndelet xviij^{d} — ij boordes and ij shelffes xx^{d} — ij treis xij^{d} Sum̄a iij^{li} iiij^{s}— In the cowrte vj leydes liij^{s} iiij^{d} — In the hacke howse jx iron cheynes xij^{s} — ij copsolls xvj^{d} — iiij bylles ij^{s} viij^{d} — ij axes and one hatchett ij^{s} — iij mattockes iiij^{s} — v sythes iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one fframynge sawe ij^{s} — ij spades iiij^{d} — iiij muckefforkes xvj^{d} — one woorthinge hooke ij^{d} — x hengled yokes w^{t} bowes x^{s} — ij yokes unhenglyd viij^{d} — iij plowes w^{t} irons viij^{s} — one peyre off plowghe irons xx^{d} — ij harrowes w^{t} pinnes iij^{s} iiij^{d} — vij oxe bowes xvij^{d} — viij blowghe beames ij^{s} viij^{d} — xv appeltryes vij^{s} vj^{d} — xx^{tye} trockes xx^{d} — one kynd off spokes x^{d} — xij plowghe tayles xij^{d} — ij wheele plowghe beames iiij^{d} — one iron bownden weyne xliij^{s} iiij^{d} — one other iron bownden weyne xx^{s} — one woollen weyne iij^{s} — one payre off parynges vij^{s} — iij iron wedges xvj^{d} Sum̄a vij^{li} iiij^{s} v^{d} — In the barne one great compe [*sic*] x^{s} — ij bays off rye xl^{li} — barlye in the same barne viij^{li} — one baye off otes xij^{li} Sum̄a lx^{li} x^{s} — Cattayll at Weston ij ffatte oxen vij^{li} — iij other ffatte oxen vij^{li} — x drawght oxen xxiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — iiij steares viij^{li} — xxij melche kyen w^{t} iij calves xxxiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one bull xl^{s} — xxiiij twynters xxiiij^{li} — xxiij styrkes xj^{li} — $\frac{xx}{iiij}$ xij yewes xiiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — iiij mares and ij nagges vj^{li} — ij boares x^{s} — ij great sowes xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — ij lesser sowes x^{s} — iiij yonge swyne xij^{s} — corne uppon the grownd in one ffylde iiij^{li} — corne in one other ffyelde iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one baye off barlye xiiij^{li} Sum̄a Clxiiij viij^{s} viij^{d} — Cattayll and corne at Kele — iiij three yeare olde steares vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — v heffers off the same yeare vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one ffatte cowe xxiiij^{s} iij^{d} — one stagge xl^{s} — ij mares and ij coltes iiij^{li} — $\frac{xx}{v}$ hogges tuppes and wethers xiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — iiij swyne xij^{s} — corne on the grownd viij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — corne at Hatherton on the grownd v^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — xxviij shepe at Halffes liij^{s} iiij^{d} — plate off sylver lx^{li} Sum̄a Cxj^{li} xij^{s} — Yet naprye and linen

at Weston—xij reydinge napkyns iiij^{s}—one reydinge towell xx^{d}—ij reydinge table clothes iij^{s} iiij^{d}—iij olde fflaxen table clothes iij^{s}—one peyre off fflaxen sheetes xx^{s}—another peyr off fflaxen sheetes vj^{s} viij^{d}—one fflaxen table clothe xij^{s}—one fflaxen towell iij^{s}—ij fflaxen cuppord clothes x^{s}—one fflaxen sheete vj^{s}—one peyre off reydinge sheetes vj^{s} viij^{d}—one olde reydinge sheete ij^{s}—ij peyre off canvasse sheetes viij^{s}—iiij peyre off olde canvasse sheetes iiij^{s}—iiij bowkynge tables and one hoggeshed v^{s}—ij twyll sheetes iij^{s} Sum̄a v^{li} iiij^{s} iiij^{d}—Sum̄a totalis omniū v^{c} lxxiij^{li} viij^{s} viij^{d}.

TESTAMENTUM CUM INVENTORIO RICARDI HALSALL RECTORIS DE HALSALL.[1]

IN the name of God Amen The vijth daye of August in the yere of owr Lord God mv^{c} and threescore and j and the second yere of the reygne of o^{r} sovereygne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace &c. I Richard Halsall clerk psone of the pishe churche of Halsall in the cowntye of Lancastre beinge sicke &c. ffyrst and principallye I commend my sole unto the handes of Almyghtye God my Maker and Redemer to his onely sone Jesus Christe my Saviour and Redemer in whome and by the meritϱ of whose blessyd death and passion is all my hole trust of cleare remission and forgeavenes of all my sinnes And I will that my bodye shall be buryed in the chancell of the piche churche of Halsall afore sayd

[1] Proved 14th October 1563. The Rector was third son of Sir Henry Halsall of Halsall Knt. by Margaret, daughter of James Stanley. His great nephew Sir Richard Halsall left a natural son, Sir Cuthbert Halsall of Halsall, whose eldest daughter and coheiress, Elizabeth, married Thomas, son of Sir Cuthbert Clifton of Westby.—Dodsworth, vol. v. fo. 137. The present representative of the family is John Talbot Clifton Esq. of Lytham Hall. See *Stanley Papers*, Part ii. Notes p. 116.

in the towmbe made in the wall uppon the north syde of the same churche Itm to be distributed and delt in almes at the day of my buryall amongest my pisheners and other poore folkes at the discretion of my executors twentye pownde and that soche further expenses and costes be made and bestowed in and uppon my sayd buryall as shalbe thowght necessarye and convenient by my sayd executors in that behalfe And whereas Willm Colley of Windell in the sayd cowntye of Lancastre by his conveyaunce in the lawe hath bargeyned and morgaged unto me the sayd Ric Halsall and to myne heyres and assignes for ever certeyne lande and hereditamente wth their apptenances wthin the sayd cownty of Lanc uppon condicion that yf he or his heyres doe paye or cause to be payd unto me the sayd Richard Halsall my heyres &c. the sume of xl and syxe pownde xiijs and iiijd at certeyne daye or dayes mencōed in his sayd conveyaunce yt then ytt shall be lawfull for him and his heyres to reenter into the same lands and hereditaments &c. Nowe as towchiuge the disposition of the same lande tente &c. I will &c. all the sayde lande and tent and all other my lande tente and hereditamte whatsoever they be wth their apprtenances sett lyinge and beinge in the towne piche fyelde and territorye of Latham in the sayd cowntye of Lanc or in anye other place wthin the realme of England unto John Halsall son of James Halsall of Altcarre in the saide cowntye gent and to the heyres of the bodye of the sayd John lawfullye begotten And for default &c. then I will &c. that all and singler the sayd lande tente and hereditamts wth all and singler theire apptenances shall remeyne fall come and be unto Richard Halsall brother unto the sayd John and to his heyres for ever Itm unto my sayd cosin John Halsall son of James Halsall the some of fowre score and eighteene pownde iijs iiijd towarde his exhibition at learninge where my executers shall appoynt Item unto my nephewe Henrye Halsall esquyer one bruyche of gold wth the picture of Saynet John Baptist thereuppon

And also a sylver cuppe gylt wth a cover Itm to Mr Halsall the yonger one girdell garnished wth silver Itm unto my brother James Halsall of Hesken fyve markes Item to my sister Ursula Halsall wyffe to my brother Edward Halsall one tablet of gold Itm to Sr John Prescott my servant and curate one hole yeres wages Item I will &c. that all other my howsehold servantꝭ takinge wages shall have eꝟye of theym a peece one halfe yeres wages and that all other my servantꝭ takinge no wages shall have eꝟye of theym a peece v^s^ Itm to my godson Thom^a^s Eccleston xl^s^ Itm to Anne Halsall my goddawghter dawghter to James Halsall my servant xx^tie^ markes and asmoche more as at the discretion of myne executors shall be thowght good towardꝭ her p^r^ferment in mariage Item unto Ric̃ Halsall sone to the sayd James Halsall my servant xx^tie^ powndes Itm unto James Ashemell xx^s^ and more as to the discretion of myne executors shalbe thowght good And of the execution of this my p̃nt testam^t^ &c. I make &c. my right trustye and welbeloved Sr Thom^a^s Stanley knight and my trustye servant and kinsman James Halsall myne executors And I bequeth to the sayd Sr Thom^a^s Stanley for his peynes takinge therein xx^li^ and to the sayd James Halsall for his peynes takinge therein x powndꝭ And overseers of this my last will I doe make and ordeyne the right honorable Edward erle of Derbye and my brother Edward Halsall And I bequeth to the sayd Edward erle of Derbye my best standinge cuppe and to my seyd brother Edward Halsall the sum̃e of xx^li^ And further my will and mynd ys that over and above all the sayd legacyes my executors shall geave and bestowe as farre as the rest of my goodꝭ will extend accordinge to soche information as I shall by word of my mouthe assigne addmitte and appoynt hereafter to my sayd executors at any tyme durynge my naturall liffe The residewe of all my goodꝭ and cattallꝭ unbequethed after my debtꝭ payd my legacyes and funerall expenses payed pformed and discharged I will &c. that my sayd executors shall dispose and be-

stowe the same in suche almes deedes of woorkes of m^rcie and charitye as to their good wisdomes and dispositions shall seeme good or be thowght most needefull and necessarye accordinge [to] the especiall truste and confidence that I have and repose in them And I utterlye revoke and adnulle all other former testam^ts willes &c. And I will that this my pnt testam^t and last will together wth all the legacyes gyftes bequestes executors and overseers herein made named and ordeyned shall ppetuallye stand and remeyne for my verey last will and testam^t and none otherwyse In witnes whereof to this my pnt testam^t and last wyll I have sette my seale geaven the daye and yere above written.

In the name of Godd Amen The xxiiij^th daye of June año Dni 1563 and in the fiefte yere of the reygne of owre sovagne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace, &c. I Richard Halsall clarke doe make this my last will &c. And doe will that the same shalbe annexed and taken as pcell of the former will by me heretofore made In primis unto my servant Richard Asmoll ffortye shillinges Itm to Richard Dogeson ffortye shillinges Item to Anne Halsall dawghter of my nephew Richard Halsall decessed ffortye shillinges towards her mariage Item ytt ys my will that my executors shall bestowe on chalece p^rce iiij^li xiij^s iiij^d to the use of Halsall churche soe as my executors shall thinke convenient Item I geave towardę the amendm^t and repation of Mellinge chapell ffortye^s Itm towardę the reparation of Maghull chapell xx^tie shillingę Item for asmoche as I am in certeyne howe my goodę will serve towardę the discharge of my funerallę debtę and my legacyes in my former will expressed it ys therefore my will that after the discharge thereof Marye Halsall dawghter of James Halsall my servant shall have towardę the pferm^t of her mariage as the same goodę will extend These beinge witnes Edward Halsall esquyer Henrye Moorecroft phisitian John Prescott preest Henrye Croston Richard Dogeson and Richard Asmoll wth others.

Extracts from "The Trewe Inventorye of all the goodꝭ and cattalls of Richard Halsall clerke late ꝑsone of Halsall decessyd":

In primis one drinkinge cuppe called a nutte garnished wth sylver and gylte bequested to ye erle of Derbye v^{li} Item one drinkinge cuppe wth a cover gilt bequested to Mr Halsall xlvj^{s} viij^{d} Item one other littell beere cuppe wth a cover gilte xlv^{s} Item one other drinkinge cuppe wth a cover gilte being a pledge for iij^{li}—iij^{li} Item one standing cuppe wth a cover gilte ꝑ estimacionem xxj ounceꝭ iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Item ij saltes wth covers gilte vj^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Item one small white goblett silver playne xxx^{s} Item one white boole silver playne xxx^{s} Item one boole pounsed ꝑcell gilte in the bottome liij^{s} iiij^{d} Item one dosen silver spownes wth knoppes iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Item one forked sponne silver at v^{s} Item sixxe silver spownes wth knoppes xxx^{s} Item xj silver spownes wthowte knoppes liij^{s} iiij^{d} Item one ffaire chalese bequested xxj ounceꝭ dowble gilte iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Item one other chalese being a pledge of Sr Thomas Wuddes gayged for xxvj^{s} viij^{d} Item in golde xxxvj^{li} Item in silver and pence iiij^{li} Item one girdell wth silver pendentꝭ x^{s}

THE WILL OF RICHARD LEE OF LEE.[1]

IN the name of God Amen I Rychard Ley of the Lee in the cowntie of Chester gentylmā the xxth day of November in

[1] No date of probate. Richard, son of Robert Lee of Lee Esq. by Ellen, daughter and coheiress of Robert Minshull of Hulgreve, married first Margery, daughter of Richard Harwood of Stronglow in the county of Stafford, by whom he had Robert, who died an infant, and Winifred, wife of Roger de Madeley. He married secondly Alice, daughter of Richard Clyve of Huxley, and had issue Richard Lee, afterwards knighted, Laurence, William, Edmund, Anne, Sarah, and Margaret. From this family the Lees Earls of Lichfield (extinct in 1776) derived their descent.—Ormerod, vol. i. p. 466.

the yere of the raygne of Elizabeth by the grace &c. the fyeft beyinge at this p^r^sent somethynge vysyted wth sycknes &c. and also myndynge to gyve and bestowe my goodꝛ and cattaillꝛ and landꝛ to my wyfe and chyldren whome I wold shuld wth quiatnes enjoye the same accordynglye do make this my last wyll &c. ffyrst I bequeth my sowle to allmyghtye God trustynge by the merittꝛ of his blessed passion to be one of the number of theym that shalbe saved and to enherytt the kyngdome of heaven and my boddye to be buryed in the ꝑshe churche of Wybūburye amongest my anncestors att my wyves forme end Item I bequethe to Rychard Lee my sonne and heyre appon [*sic*] the goodꝛ and cattallꝛ hereafter named for and in the name of hys heyre lomes that ys to wytt my best sylv̄ salt and oñ dosen of my best sylv̄ sponnes my best ringe of gold beyinge a sygnet havinge the seale of my armes therein graven oñ standynge pece gyldet and oñ sylv̄ cuppe ꝑcell gylt wth all my harmes my best bedd and all thyngꝛ thereunto belongynge my best brasse pañ my best brasse pott wth the best of all kynd of howsehold stuffe Item to Lawrence Lee my sonne xx^li^ in gold and to Wyllm̄ Lee my sonne xx^li^ in gold and to Edmund Lee my sonne xx^li^ lyk wyse in gold and to my doughters Anne Lee Sara Lee and M^9^garet Lee ev̄y of them xx^li^ in gold and moneye wch ys and remaynethe in my chest and yf there want in my chest in redye gold and money to fulfyll the sayd legacies then I wyll that my wolle be sold and the sayd legacyes fulfylled of the money that shalbe taken for the said wolle Also to my doughter Wenefryde xx^li^ so that she make no tytle nor sute to eny of the landꝛ of my owne enherytaunce and yf she do make any tytle to or for eny of my sayd landꝛ then I wyll that she shall have but xl^s^ for her chyldes ꝑte of goodꝛ Also I wyll that all the rest of my goodꝛ cattallꝛ and dettꝛ not before bequested be equallye devyded in two ꝑtꝛ the oñ ꝑt thereof to Alys my wyfe and thother ꝑte to my sayd chyldren Lawrence Wyllm Edmond Anne Sara and M^9^garett Lee

equally to be devyded so that my dettꝭ funꝯallꝭ and other legacyes hereafter mēcioned be discharged of those sayd two ꝑtꝭ of my goodꝭ [and] cattallꝭ Item I wyll that yf eny of my sayd chyldren fortune to dye before the age of xiiij^ten^ yeares then the ꝑte of goodꝭ to that chyld before bequested shall remayne amongest the rest of my sayd chyldren lyvynge equallye to be devydett Item to Lawrence Lee of Wybūbury xxvj^s^ yerelye rent to be ꝑceyved and taken yerely owt of the messuage and landꝭ now in the holdynge of Robt̄ Wever my tenant durynge the naturall lyfe of the sayd Lawrence in discharge of the foure nowbles to hym bequested by the last wyll and testament of Sr Robt̄ Lee clarke decessed brother to the sayd Lawrence Lee Item I wyll that my wyfe shall have the grownd [and] pastures hereafter named to the use and bryngyng uppe of my sayd chyldren for and durynge xiiij^en^ yeres next after my decease payinge therefore the old rentꝭ as the have ben letten that ys to wytt one pasture called the Smethe Lockett and Knollꝭ Croft at the yerelye rent of xx^s^ And oñ pasture called Hychens Hylles at the yerely rent of viij^s^ And oñ pasture called the Russhe Mosse at the yerely rent of iij^s^ And oñ other pasture [called] Heynes Feildꝭ at the yerely rent of xiij^s^ iiij^d^ And two pastures called Tomkyns Feildꝭ at the yerely rent of x^s^ She to have all the sayd landꝭ and suche other landꝭ as I hold be lease of my grandmother Chydlowe, and the sayd Lawrence Lee of Wybūburye to all ꝑfyttꝭ doynge no wast. And she to brynge uppe my sayd chyldren in godly and honest order And also kepynge her selfe sole and unmaryed And yf she do marry ageyne and take an nother husbande then I wyll that my other executors shall have and enꝯmeddell wth the orderynge and settynge forthe of my sayd chyldren and they^9^ goodꝭ Item I wyll that my brother in lawe Rauff Clyff gent̄ and Lawrence Woodnet to have the orderynge and rule of my sayd doughter Wenefryd And yf she wylbe ordered by them and also suffer Andrew Bowyer her uncle to enjoye suche and so moche of her ꝑt of the Stone-

low accordynge to my lease in discharge of my executorꝭ then she to have xx^{li} before to her bequested yf she will not then to have but xl^{s} as before bequested Item to my brother Rychard Clyff my best satten qwyest and my best cappe to my cosyn Edmond Gruffyn my best clooke to my brother Rauff Clyff my newe gowne Item to my brother Lawrence Wodnet my gold rynge havynge a horse hedd therein graven wth my tawne velvett purse and my velvett gyrdell Item to Robert Weaver my tenaunt my secund blake coote and to John Lawton my best blacke coote and oñ payre of howse and my blacke spruse purse Item to Lawrence Lee of Wybūburye my uncle my best fryse coote and to John Colle my teñaunt my new fustyon dowblet and oñ payre of howse Item to George Wodnet my systers sonne my hope rynge of gold that hys mother gave me Item to Thomas Honyat my servaunt my old fryse coote and my old dowblet And for the trewe ꝑformance of this my sayd last wyll and testament I doe ordeyn constitute and make my trew and lawfull executors Alys my derely beloved wyfe Rychard Clyff my brother in lawe Edmond Gruffyn my kynseman and Lawrence Woodnett of Gouseley to order all thyngꝭ accordynge to the trewe intent and meaninge of this my sayd wyll. In wytnes whereof I the sayd Rychard Lee to this my ꝑsent last wyll and testament have subscribed my name and putte my seale the daye and yere above wrytten

ꝑ me Richardū Lee.

THE WILL OF ELIZABETH GRIMSDICH.[1]

IN the name of God Amen The twelfe day of Julie a° 1592 an° regni dñe regine tricessimo quarto et I Elizabeth Grimsdich of Grimsdich in the parrish of Great Budworth in the countie of Chester widow late wiffe of John Grimsdich esquiere decessed although nowe being whole in bodie and of good pfect remembrance all prayse be to almightie God therfore yet calling to mind the certentie of death and departure hence, and also the uncertayntie of lief and welfare heere and waying withall that by extreeme sicknes memorie is eftsone much weakenned and sometyme utterlie fayleth for wch respectę as also that I would not have any sute contention or debate or so much as any unkindnes or discurtesie after my decease to aryse growe or fall out among those that unto me are most deare carefull and welbeloved, concerning such goods and cattells as God of his infinit goodnes hath lent and bestowed uppon me but that everie one heareafter by this my last will remembred would vouchsaffe in gentle maner to accepte in good pte my affection and good will towardes everie one of them soe farre foorth as my poore abilitie extendeth and lovingly together to embrace concord unitie and amitie soe and in such sort as they with me and I with them hetherunto have done as my firme hope and confidence is they will and soe much the rather for the good love they beare and ought to beare to me Therefore I doe make this my last will &c. ffirst and principallie before all thingę I most humbly give and bequeath my soule and spirit into the handes of or Lord Jesu Christ my blessed saviour creator and eternall redeemer by whose most ꝑcious bloudsheding my firme and undoubted hope is to be saved and therby doe steadfastly beleive all my

[1] Proved in February 1593 [1593-4].

sins to be quite washed away trusting that of his abonndant clemencie and mercie he will accept me a sinner wch died for the abolishing of sinne and redemption of sinners and my bodie I will to be buried decentlie in Christs buriall deape in the earth at Darsburie soe neare the sepulchre of my late husband as conveniently may be by the discretion of mine executors heareafter named ffurther I earnestly crave and desyre for God̊ love p̊don and forgivenes of all p̊sons for everie fault and offence that I have made unto them and likwyse doe freely from the bothome of my hart release and forgive everie offence committed against me And further my last will is that all my executors shall have blacke cloth to make them mourning clokes of And after my debt̊ paid funeral̊ and legacies discharged my last will is that all my corne and cattell whatsoev̊ shalbe sould and the money theirfore to be received to be equally devived amongst my sonne Starkey my sonne Rysley my sonne Hocnell my sonne Ashton and my sonne John Grymsdich It̃ to my sonne Thoms G. one bull two kine one bore and hogg all my glasse in and about Grimsdich and also all my part of houshould stuffe wch I doe leave in this house of Grimsdich unbequethed It̃ to my said sonne Thom̄s all the furniture and implement̊ of husbandrie wch are to be used out of the house as weynes ploughes harrowes cheynes and such like Also to Ric̃ Starkey my sonne Starkeyes eldest sonne fortie shilling̊ to Ric̃ Rysley my sonne Rysley eldest sonne twentie shilling̊ Toe Tymothea Grimsdich my sonne John his daughter twentie shilling̊ Toe Elizabeth Hocnell my sonne Hocknell his daughter twentie shilling̊ It̃ to Cristian my sonne Starkey his daughter two fetherbed̊ wch lye uppon my bed wherin I lye myselfe the one of th̄e being of huswiffes making the other of them being a bought ticke that is to say the fetherbed̊ themselves matres blanket̊ sheetes boulsters pillowes cov̊let̊ cov̊ing hanging̊ of silke and the valance of cloth of tissu wth the bedsteed and curtens of red and greene sarsnet and the other furniture of the same Also to everie of my daughters in law ten shilling̊

in money to make them sev̄ally a gould ring as a token of my good will towardꝭ them It̄ to my daughter Starkey my best graye mare And to Cristian Ashton my sonne Ashton his daughter ten shillingꝭ to make her a gould ringe And also to Elizabeth Norres my cosen and god daughter ten shillingꝭ in money Also to Elizabeth Tutchet daughter of Mr John Tutchet one cowe to goe forward with hir Also to my cosen An Hatton wiffe of Lawraunce Hatton my pillion and pillion clothing wth the bridle and harnes Also I give &c. to my sonne Starkey and daughter Starkey my best cov̄ing wch was given unto me by the Ladie Dutton my owne mother decessed Also I give &c. xx^s to Jane Rysley my daugh^r Rysley hir eldest daughter And xx^s to my daughter Hocknell And xx^s to my daughter Ashton to make everie of them a gould ring for my better remembrance Also to Thomas Sanders my man a feather bed of my p̄t of goodꝭ w^thin the house of Grimsdich a mattres a payre of sheetes a payre of blanketꝭ ij cov̄letꝭ one boulster ij pillowes and six poundes xiij^s iiij^d in money for his faithfull service alwayes done to me Also to Elizabeth Greene my chamb^r maid a feather bed a matres a boulster a pillow a payre of sheetes a payre of blanketꝭ one cov̄let xx^s in money and one of my best kine Also to Elizabeth Dale and Margerie Smith my servantꝭ everie of them xx^s a pece Also to John Owden my head servant of husbandrie liij^s iiij^d a reward for his true service Also to Wiłłm Penket my milner xx^s a reward for his good service willing him not to put the same to usurie Provided alwayes &c. that so many of my said servantꝭ to whom I have made any bequeth wch shall not be in my service at the tyme of my death shall have noe benefit of this my last will and testament Thō Sandars and Elizabeth Greene alwayes excepted Also to the poore people of the parish of Great Budworth and Darsburie fortie shillingꝭ to be equally devided amongst them by the discretion of my executors Also to my cosen Christopher Goodman[1] xx^s desiring him to make my funerall sermon

[1] Christopher Goodman B.D. of Brasenose College Oxon. was born in Chester in

It to my cosen Tho. Tutchet xij^{s} to make him a gould ring And furthermore my request and desire is to my son Tho. G. that he will pmit and suffer my executors hereafter named trulie and faithfully to pforme this my last will and testament in all thingꝯ as my trust and confidence is that he will. And yf my said son Tho. shal molest trouble and disturbe my executors concerning the due execution of this my last will and testament soe as by reason therof my debtꝯ legacies and demyses may not be done payd or pformed according to my mind &c. then my full mind and last will is that al my bequethes legacies and demyses to him my said sonne Tho. by this my last will and testament made shalbe utterly voyd and of none effect &c. Itm to Cristian Starkey my cosen Ric Starkey his wiffe xiij^{s} iiij^{d} and to my cosen John Tutchet x^{s} to make them sevaly a gould ring for my remembrance It I give &c. the terme and lease wch I have of Hill his ground to the younger daughters of my sonn Starkey unmaried to their only use during the terme theirin to be ordered by the direction of their mother Provided alwayes that yf Thoms Sandars and Elizabeth Greene shall marrie together wthin one yeare next after my decease that then after the said one yeare expired the said terme lease and grond therinn conteyned shalbe during the residue of the said terme to the use [of the] said Tho. Sandars and Elizabeth Greene And yf the said Tho. Sandars and Elizabeth Greene shal not marrie together at all yet my mind and last will is that the said younger daughters shall yearely pay unto the said Elizabeth Greene for the space of five yeares next ensuing the

1519, and was a distinguished leader among the Puritans. He was one of the translators of the Geneva Bible, and a friend and associate of John Knox, having written the preface to Knox's "First Blast of the Trumpet against the Monstrous Regiment of Women," in 1558. In 1584 he retired to Cheshire, and was visited on his death bed by Usher, afterwards Archbishop of Armagh, who formed a high opinion of his piety. Dying in 1602, æt. 83, he was buried in Chester Cathedral. His will is valuable for the information which it gives of his family connections. He was in no way connected with the Ruthin Goodmans, who were zealous conformists to the ritual of the Church.

said first yeare next after my decease xiij^{s} iiij^{d} yf the said Elizabeth shall live so long for a further recompence of hir good service done to me And I doe make &c. my trustie and welbeloved sones in law Tho. Starkey esquire John Rysley esquire John Hocknell esquire and John Ashton esquire my faithfull executors of this my last will and testamēt reposing my speciall trust in thē that they will faithfully sincerely and uprightly pforme accomplish and execute the same in all thingꝭ wth cleane handes and undefyled consciences according to my true playne meaning herin declared and yf any of they said psons whom I have by this my last will and testament named to be my executors shal refuse or for his o^{r} their ptꝭ not pforme this my last will and testament herin declared so far forth as he or they lawfully maye then I will and my full last will and testament is y^{t} all legacies and giftꝭ made to him o^{r} them soe refusing o^{r} not pforming this my last will and testamēt shall thenceforth be utterlye voyd and of none effect and thenceforth the same legacies and bequethes shall wholy be and remayne to such of my said executors as will and shall pforme this my last will and testament according to my trust reposed in them And further my full mind and last will is that he o^{r} they of my said executors wch shal refuse or not pforme this my last will shal not be o^{r} remayne my executor or executors after such refusall or not pformance of this my last will and testament as is afforesaid ffurther I give &c. to all my said executors xx^{s} apeace for their paynes herin to be taken Also to my cosen Ric̄ Marburie xiij^{s} iiij^{d} and to his sonne Ric̄ M. vj^{s} viij^{d} to make them sev̄ally a gould ring And wheras I doe not by this my last will and testament give or bequeth any thing to my sonne Henrye Grimsdich other than xl^{s} and Godꝭ blessing and mine wch I freely give him the reason because I have bene verey good and bountifull mother unto him in my liffe tyme above al the residue of my children Theirfore I would not wishe my sed sonne Henrye to chalendg or clayme any more of my goodꝭ cattels debtꝭ or other thingꝭ but to be wel contented wth such liberalitie as I have

alreadie bestowed uppon him ffurther I doe desire my cosen Tho. Tucthet and Ric̃ Mouldsworth gent̃ to be overseers and furtherers of this my last will and testament And I doe give unto the said Ric̃ Mouldsworth xl^{s} for his paynes herin to be taken and also cloth for a mourning cloke ffinally I doe by this my last will and testament hartely desire all my sons sonnes in law and daughters that they will lovingly and frendly agree and unfaynedly love one an other as I have lovd them all in wch love I most humbly beseech almightie God for his tender m^{y}cies sake give them grace to continue all the dayes of their lives long And thus having disburthened my mind of these frayle and worldly cares I may now daylie by God$^{\varrho}$ grace prepare my thought$^{\varrho}$ and inward desires more and more to the studie of God$^{\varrho}$ high glorie the health and immortallitie of my soule and of e^{y}lasting liffe Amen Written the daye and yeare first above written Published by the above named Elizabeth Grimsdich to be hir true and last will and testament in the presence of Ric̃ Mouldesworth John Grymsdich Thomas Sandars William ffoxley.

THE WILL OF JOHN DELVES OF DODDINGTON.[1]

IN the name of God Amen The xxjxth day of Januarye in the yere of the raigne of oure so^{y}aigne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace &c. xiijth I John Delves of Dodington in the countie of Chester

[1] Proved 30th September 1573. John Delves Esq. son of Sir Henry Delves Knt. by Cecily daughter of Richard Brook, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, London (see her inventory p. 28), married Mary, daughter of Sir William Sneyde of Bradwell Knt. by whom he had ten children. Sir Thomas Delves of Doddington Bart. the last heir male, who ob. 12th September 1725, left an only daughter and heiress, Elizabeth, wife of Sir Brian Broughton of Broughton Hall in the county of Stafford Bart. ancestor of Sir Henry Delves Broughton of Doddington Park Bart. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 268.

esquier beinge sicke in bodye &c. and myndinge to leave my landꝭ goodꝭ and chattels to my wiefe and children whom I woulde shoulde quyetlye enjoye the same w^th^out all contention do make &c. ffirste I bequethe my soule to almightie God the father of oure Lorde Jesus Christe trustinge and stedfastlye belevinge that throughe the meritꝭ of his blessed and paynfull passion to be one of the nombr̃ that shall inheritt the kingdome of heaven whose names are written in the booke of lyefe Item I bequethe my bodye to be buryed in the churche of Wibumburye in the saincte Marie chancell where my father and other my auncesters doe lye Item to Marie my dearly beloved wiefe all suche landꝭ and tenem^ts^ as is to her assured bye the conveyaunce betwene Thomas Stanley esquier and me the said John D. to have and to holde duringe her naturrall lyefe ffor and in the name of her joynture Also I geve &c. to my said wiefe sixe of my beste kyne syxe oxen and one amblinge geldinge And further I do geve &c. to my said wiefe and to Henry my sonne and heire all suche implementꝭ plate and howseholde stuffe as I shall have in and aboute my howse of Dodington at the tyme of my decesse upon condicōn that they shall agree and kepe howse joyntlye together wth the reste of my children as they shall thynke good And yf it shall fortune my said wiefe to marye ageane and to take an other husbande or also that they will utterlye refuse to kepe howse wth my said sonne accordinge to my will then shee to use the benefitte of the legacie towchinge all the said howseholde stuffe plate wth all other implementꝭ of howseholde And yf my said sonne Henrye will use hym selfe unreverentlye anenste his said mother and will not be contented to kepe howse wth her accordinge to this my said will then it is my will that he lose his p̃te of the legacies all but of e^v^ye thinge the beste for and in the name of his heire lomes Item to e^v^ye of my yonger sonnes Rauffe D. John D. and Hugh D. one annuitie or yerlye rente of foure poundꝭ for and duringe their said naturall lyefes Item to my daughters M^r^garet D. Anne D. and

Ellenor D. and to evye of them one hundreth poundꝭ towardꝭ theire ꝑfermentꝭ leavinge the same somes to be levyed and received of suche lands and tenemtꝭ as be apoynted for the paymt of the same by the conveyaunce betwen Thomas Stanley esquire and me the said John D. Item to Cicilie Hassall my sisters daughter xx^li in money Item I will that a true inventorie be taken of all my goodꝭ and chatellꝭ quicke and deade And the same to be devyded in two ꝑtes the one ꝑte therof to pay my dettꝭ and legacies before bequested and the other ꝑte to remayne to be equallye devydett amongeste my yonger sonnes and daughters and if there be any overplus of that ꝑte that I do leave for the discharge of my dettꝭ and legacies I will that the same overplus shalbe lykewyse devydett amongest my yonger sonnes and daughters as before Also I will and bequethe my ferme of Kele to be employed to th'use of my yonger sonnes and daughters for and duringe all suche yeres as I have in the same ferme And if anye of my said children shall fortune to depte this transitorie lyefe at enye tyme before they shall accomplysshe the age of xvj^en yeres and not maried nor make anye will then I will that all suche goodꝭ and chatellꝭ as is bequested to the said childe or children by this my said will shalbe equallye be devyded amongest the reste then lyvinge Item I will that my said wiefe Marie D. shall have the governmt and custodye of Anne D. wth all her porcōn of goodꝭ and catallꝭ untyll shee shall accomplysshe the age of xvj yeres or com to mareage Item I will and desyre my right worshipfull aunte M'grett Sheldon[1] widowe to take my daughter Margrett D. wth all her porcōn of goodꝭ and chatellꝭ and her to bringe upp and bestowe as shee shall see juste cause Item I desyre my worship^ull father in law Sir Willm Sneide knight and my brother in lawe Rauffe Sneide esquier to take [to] their custodye and governmt my sonne Rauff D. and my daughter Ellenor D. wth all their porcōn

[1] In the Delves pedigree, Margaret, wife of Thomas Sheldon of Shellington in the county of Worcester, is *sister* of the testator.

of goodꝭ and chatellꝭ and to see them well brought upp and bestowed as may seeme to them for their welthe untill they and either shall come to th'age of xvj^en yeres Item I desyre my welbeloved sonne and heire Henry D. to take my sonne Hugh his brother wth all his porcōn of goodꝭ and chatellꝭ and to see him well brought upp and his goods well imployed to the childes use accordinge to my trust in hym reposed untill he shall accomplisshe the said age of xvj^en yeres Item I desyre my right worship^ull and lovinge brother in lawe Thomas Trentham esquier to take to his custodye my sonne John D. wth all his goodꝭ and livinge and him to kepe to learninge and so to bestowe his goodꝭ as shall seeme beste to and for my said childes ꝑfett untill he shall come to the full age of xvj^en yeres as aforsaid Also my will is that if anye of my trustie frendꝭ before named will refuse the gov̄ment and charge of suche of my said children and their goods as by this my said will I have bequested and desyred then I will that my said children and their goodꝭ shalbe placed by the discrecōn of my executors whom I do leave in truste for the execucōn of this my said last will and testament Item my will is that Lawrence Woodnett of Rope gent̄ shall either quyetlye enjoye the blake merestie or medowe which he hath taken of me by indenture duringe the yeres therin conteyned or ellꝭ w^thowt any troble or sute in the lawe to have the money repayd him wch he payd to me for the same beinge xxiiij^li wch money was disbursed and payd for the purchase of certen lands in Gousley of the yerelye rente of xiij^s iiij^d and belonginge to the howse where John Hotchkis nowe dwelleth and for the true accomplysshement of this my said last will and testament I do ordeine &c. my dearly beloved wiefe Marie D. my right worship^ull and deare frendes Sir Willm Sneide knight and my right worship^ull aunt M^grett Sheldon Rauff Sneide esquier and Thomas Trentham esquier and Henrie Delves my sonne and heire my true and lawfull executors of this my said laste will and testam̄t &c. And for their paynes takinge I doe geve to ev̄ye of them not havinge

any legacie before bequested xx^{s} in money to make evy of them a ringe for a token of remembrance desyringe their frendshipps in the execusōn of this my said laste will accordinge to suche truste as I have in them reposed In witnes wherof I the said John D. to this my said laste will and testament have putt to my hande and seale of armes die et anno supradict et anno Dñi 1570 Witnes this to be the laste will and testmnt of John Delves esquier.

INVENTORY OF SIR ALEXANDER OSBALDESTON OF OSBALDESTON KNT.[1]

INVENTOR indent omn bonor et catallor que fuernt Alex Osbaldeston militr die quo obiit vilz decimo septimo die Januarii anno dñi millimo quigen° xliij° legittime appriat p Willm Hoddersall Ricm Cromelome Oliverū Cottom et Thomā Welsheman.

[1] Sir Alexander Osbaldeston of Osbaldeston Knt., son of Richard Osbaldeston by Grace, daughter of Alan Singleton, was tenth in descent from Hugh, son of Ailsi de Osbaldeston, living 30th Henry III. He married, 5th Henry VII., Agnes, daughter of Sir Christopher Southworth of Samlesbury Knt., by whom he had (with others) John Osbaldeston his son and heir. He married secondly Ellen, daughter of Thomas Tyldesley of Morley [?] by whom he left a son, Richard Osbaldeston, ancestor of the Osbaldestons of Sunderland in the county of Lancaster, and of Hunmanby in the county of York.—*Suffield MSS.* Alexander Osbaldeston of Osbaldeston Esq. aged 62 at the Visitation in 1664 (buried at Blackburn 11th February 1670-71) married Anne, daughter of Sir John Talbot of Salesbury Knt. by whom he had Edward Osbaldeston, his son and heir, (buried at Blackburn in 1689) who marrying Jane, daughter of Thomas Braddyll of Braddyll and Portfield Esq., had issue Jane, baptised 7th April 1679, died before 1747; Edward, baptised 10th September 1684; Anne and John, died infants; Thomas, baptised 31st March 1681, buried 25th September 1701, and Alexander Osbaldeston his son and heir, who was baptised at Blackburn 22nd May 1677, and was buried there 6th April 1747, leaving no issue. He was the last lineal heir male of this ancient family. His will was proved at Chester:

"I Alexander Osbaldeston of Preston Esq. give all my messuages, &c., (hereafter

ffyrst ther remayned in the handꝭ of the said Sr Alex̃ the said day of his deth in coyne of his owne vijli xvijs iiijd besidꝭ thre scor̃ xjli xvjs viijd of others to hym delyvr̃ to kepe wherof belongyd to Alice ffaryngton xxxvjli wich was enclosed in a bagg to Sr Ric̃ Tydisley p̃st cvs to Anne Longton xlvijs viijd to Robert Hoddersall lxiijs to Thōs Awart vjli vijs viijd to Thomas Walshemā xiijli vjs viijd And besidꝭ cvjs viijd that remaynyd unspend yt he receyvid for exhibicōn of Henry Talbot Itm one sylṽ salt oñ sylṽ goblet, and xiiij sylṽ spones prsyd all to gether lxvjs Itm ffether beddꝭ mattresses shetꝭ covlettꝭ blanckettꝭ peloes hangyngꝭ to chambers curtens cupp-

mentioned) to Thos Clayton of Little Harwood Esqr and Henry ffarington of Preston upon trust to pay my debts and the following legacies viz: to my kinswoman Mrs Catherine Shuttleworth £500 with all my plate (except my silver cup) in recompence for her care of my mother when she lived servant with her. To Mrs Mary Osbaldeston of Preston £150 in trust to pay the same to Mr Osbaldeston of Sunderland or his wife or his children as she shall think fit. To Mr Thos Bleasdale £10 10. To my servant Thomas £500 and my silver cup, horses, furniture of my rooms and effects in my outhousing (save my books and ready cash). To my friends Mr Thos Starkie, Mr Jas Rawstorne and Mr Gilbert Woosey £20 20s a piece for rings. To the said Mr Thos Starkie and Mr Gilbert Woosey all my legacys left by the will of Mrs Ann Bradyll to my sister Jane. To the said Thos Clayton and Henry ffarington £300 to lay out as an annuity for Mr Hugh Wadsworth. To the said Thos Clayton, his heirs, &c., for ever, my chapples, seats, pews, burying ground, and all my right, &c., in Blackburn church with my right of nominating a parish clerk and churchwarden there. To my acquaintance Mr Tom Stanley at Culcheth £50. To Mr Nicholas Starkie of Riddlesden in Yorkshire £20 20s. To Mr Nicholas son of Mr William Starkie of Manchester £31 10s. The residue, &c., to such housekeepers of the better rank as my executors shall think stand in need thereof. The said Thos Clayton and Henry ffarington my executors. Dat. 28 March 1747."

In 1778 a George Osbaldeston of Knutsford, weaver, claimed the Osbaldeston estates as heir at law to Alexander Osbaldeston Esq. who died in 1747, but failed in establishing his right. From some law proceedings in this case it appears that in 1743 Allan Harrison Esq. of Lancaster had a mortgage on the estate. By his will, dated 25th April 1752, Mr. Harrison devised the manors of Great Mearley and Osbaldeston, lands in Osbaldeston and Ribchester, &c., in the county of Lancaster, to his daughter Anne Sybele, afterwards wife of George Wilson Esq. In 1774 the Osbaldeston estate passed by sale from George Wilson and Anne Sybele his wife to Sir George Warren of Pointon, and is now in the possession of his representative the Lord de Tabley.

bur clothes covynge to bedde &c. and for beddyng p^rsed to gether xxiiij^li xj^s viij^d Item bassens ewers void^rs chaundlers dyshes potte pannes spytte cressette flesh tubbe chyste chayres and such oth^r thynge remaynyng in the kechyn and botre and els whe̅r in the howse p^rsed to gether jx^li v^d Item a hayre to a kylne a tentte lyñ yorne at the webst and lyñ clothe &c. xlv^s vj^d Item turfwaynes carte ploes wheles yoke herroes temes and thynge belongyng to husbandry xxxv^s iij^d Item oxen kye and other yong beste liij^li xj^s iiij^d Item horses mares stagge &c. cvij^s iiij^d Item swyne lx^s Item tannyd lether p^rsed to gether xiij^li vj^s viij^d Item corne in the tithe bernes of Pston Elston Grymso̅r and Haghton &c. xjx^li xx^d Item wheate barle and ote sevved from the grounde xxxiiij^li Item wheate on the grounde at Osbaldeston lxvj^s viij^d and at Curdall iiij^li w^t xxv^s for ote at Balerston Item dette oghyng to the said Sr Ale̅x that be leviable iiij^li xiiij^d Item the said mynyst of the goode of the said Sr Ale̅x haith receyvyd sith his deth that was due for rente and other thynge xviij^li xj^s xj^d Item the apparell of the said Sr Ale̅x w^t his hernes and syngnet of gold p^rsed to vij^li Sm^a to^ls supius CCxvj^li jx^d Item the said Sr Ale̅x oghed the day of his deth to the said Alice ffaryngton ov and besyde the said xxxvj^li that was delyvt̄ hym to kepe to her use And beside all other sum̄es afo̅rsaid likewise delyved hym to kepe and to dyvse other p̄sons as mo̅r at large apperith by a boke of p̄celles the̅rof made xxxjx^li ij^s viij^d Item for reparacōn of the tythe berne of Pston xl^s Item Henry Osbaleston son to the said Sr Ale̅x and mynyst of his goode haith laide downe for funall expenses of the said Sr Ale̅x w^t the p^rce of certen blacke boight for gownes kyrtylle and jakette to the wiff sones doights and servnte of the said Sr Ale̅x And w^t certen whyte clothe boght for gownes to po̅r men And w^t wheate malt rye ffysshe and other thynge spend at the buriall And w^t certen wage paid to his servnte And w^t vj^s viij^d for nyght wache and lyghte as mo̅r at large apperith by a boke of p̄celle the̅rof made lj^li xjx^s iij^d Sm^a of the said dette and funall ex-

penses afor̃said lj^{li} xjx^{s} iij^{d} The said Sr Ale̅x̃ was bounden by obligacōn to pay yer̃ly to S^{r} Wiłłm Plūtre preest yet lyffyng duryng his lif tyll he be ꝑmoted to a benꝑfice of xx^{li} yer̃ly vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Iłm ther̃ wer̃ other dettꝭ oghyng to the said Sr Ale̅x̃ the day of his deth wher̃of the most ꝑte ther̃of be desperate and lyttill ther̃of is supposed wylbe leviable and levyed amountyng in the holle as mor̃ at large apperith by a boke of ꝑcelles xxxiiij^{li} ij^{s} Sm̃ to^{ls} off the ffuꝑall expenses detts that he oghed and other thyngꝭ above wrytyn with all the for̃said money delyv̄t hym to kepe eight score and ffyve poundꝭ vij^{s} vij^{d} And so remanyth to be distributed by the said minist̄ to the wiff of the said Sr Ale̅x̃ his chylder and in other dedꝭ of charite accordyng to the law and custome l^{li} xiij^{s} ij^{d}.

INVENTORY OF WILLIAM ASPINWALL, LATE CANON OF BURSCOUGH.

THE Inventorie of all soche goodes wch did belonge and appartaine to Syr Wiłłm Asspinwall ꝑst and chanon of the late dissolved monastarie of Burscoe praysed and cessed by Rychard Lathome Thomas Morcroft Lawrance Gaskene and John Tasker the xxviijth day of December anno Dñi 1562.

Iłm his bedde and all thinges therto appartayning and belonging xxx^{s} — one paire of beddestocks iij^{s} iiij^{d} — his apparell aswel gownes as all other thinges xl^{s} — one cupborde v^{s} — iij chayres and iij quishonse ij^{s} — iij colfers vj^{s} viij^{d} — in bokes ij^{s} — one brasse chaundler x^{d}.

THE WILL OF JOHN MASSIE, LATE ABBOT OF COMBERMERE.[1]

IN nomine Dei Amen The vth daye of ffebruary 1564 [1564-5] I John Massie clerke late abbott of the late dissolvyd monastery of Cumbermere beinge in pfect reason &c. My body to be buryed in the north ile of Christes churche and I bequethe to the whole quyer to bury me fortie shillinge Itm my will is that if John Shawe do receave my pencōn that then my fyve poore beyde women shall have cloth to make evy of them a gowne of blake cotton and evy of them in money xij^d^ Unto Thomas Massie of Bromall my clothe gowne wch is furred wth conye two table clothes and a quylte Unto Willm Massie the yonger my russett oustyd gowne and also my beed wch is [in] the hawle wth all thinge therunto belonginge Unto Johan Massie wief unto my brother Willm Massie my short cloth gowne Unto Sir Rondull Cotgreve a payre of flaxen sheetes Unto Rychard Massie sonne of Willm M. all my bookes and my best beed wherin I have lyen. Unto the seid Rychard M. tenne poundē in redy money (if my pencōn be gotten and receyved) to be bestowed and delyved hym at the ovsight of his father and brother Willm M. or one of them Unto Willm Kelso my servnt a gowne that is furred wth ffoxe and the beed that he hathe lyen on wth the fetherbeed matteres two blanckette and fourtie shillinge in money and if my pencōn be receyved to lend hym fyve poundē for one yere uppon suerties by hym founde for repayment therof at one yeres ende to my other executors or one of them Unto poore Ellen the trucklebeed

[1] Proved 4th February 1564 (1564-5). John Massie was subprior of the convent in 1524, and succeeded as abbot before 1535. He surrendered the monastery into the king's hands on 27th July 30 Henry VIII., and retired upon a pension of £50 per annum. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 210.

wth the matteres and a coveringe Unto Mawde Carver a payre of sheetes and a goune Unto Robart Moseleys wiefe a coverpane and the London pynte Unto John fflecher the chaffer and the grete pewter pottell pott Also there is to be receyved of Mr Rychard Lye fyftie pound^ę for my pencōn for one hole yere ended at Mighelmas laste anno regni dñe Elizabethe Dei grã &c. sexto my will is that if John Shawe receave the same he shall delyv̄ yt unto my brother Wiłłm Massie or his certen attorney And that after my debt^ę &c. dischardged my seid brother to delyv̄ the rest to my other executors to be by hym [*sic*] then disposed accordinge to their discreccōns Moreov̄ my will is that if John Shawe receave my seid pencōn that iij^li therof shalbe delyv̄ed unto hym for his paynes els not Itm I constytute executors of this my last will and testament my brother Wiłłm Massie the yonger my cosyn Wiłłm Kelso my serv̄nt and Rychard Massie And ov̄seers my welbeloved frend^ę Sir John Meyre clerke and John Taylor And I utterly revoke all other former testament^ę &c. thies beinge witnes Sir John Meyre clerke John Taylor Also Thomas Saunders als Steward is indebted unto me by bill of his hand in the some of xl^s.

THE WILL OF ROBERT BOOTH OF DUNHAM GENT.[1]

IN the name of God Amen January 3rd 1558 [1558-9] and 1 Elizabeth I Robert Bowth of Downnam gentleman b[eing] in good &c. my body to be buryed w^thin the parrishe churche of

[1] Proved 31st March 1573. Robert, younger son of George Booth of Dunham Esq. by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Butler of Bewsey Knt. See *Wills and Inventories*, 1st portion, pp. 49, 93.

Bowdden betwyxt my mother and my syster Cyssely in the chap[el] of Jesu theire Also my goodꝭ &c. I gyve to the pformance of the last wyll and testamentꝭ of Elsabeth my mother and Cyssely [my] syster decessed whose sowles Jesu pdon I gvye unto Wyll"m Bowth my nevow esquyre one of my best beddꝭ wyth all that longꝭ therto and unto the said Wyll"m my best gweldinge Itm unto my brother John Bowth a golde rynge and my next beste gwelldinge Itm unto my syster Dorythe Tatton one golde rynge and ten pounde of lawfull Englishe money Itm unto my syster Ann Massye one rynge of golde and ten pounde of lawfull Englishe money Unto Elsabeth M. the doughter of Wyll"m Massye esquyre the some of xx^{ti} markꝭ of lawfull Englishe money Unto Elsabeth Bowth and Ann B. doughters unto my brother George B. decessed to eyther of them iiij markꝭ a pice Unto Elsabeth Elno^{r} and Jone Carrington eyche of them xl^{s} a pice To Katryne Damport my goddoughter one golde rynge Unto Robert Bowth my godson xx^{ti} nobles of lawfull money Unto my cossen George Bowth of Alterchame v markꝭ Unto evy man servaunt and woman servaunt wythin my house x^{s} a pice Unto the churche of Bowden a sylver challice wyth a patten and xx^{tis} of money to be contynewally prayed for their I wyll that my executors shall bestow amonge the poore and nydy people wthin the pishe of Bowden the some of xx^{ti} poundꝭ Unto Thomas Cleoworth a newe coote My neyvowe Wyll"m Bowth esquyre shall have the occupacōn of all souche landꝭ and tentꝭ that my father dyd gyve &c. for the pformance of hys wyll and the maryage of my systers and he to entre into the same at the feast of Seynt Martyne the bushopp in wynter next after my decese so that he be bounden wth iiij sufficient surties wyth hym in the some of ij hundreth poundꝭ unto my executors that he shall pay unto Robert Bouthe my uncle his executors or assignes yerely the hole some of xlviij poundꝭ xv^{s} sex pens at the feast of the nativitie of Seynt John Baptist and Seynt Martyne the bushopp in wynter untyll souche tyme as my fathers

wyll be pformed and my syster Cisselyes legacies be fulfilled Unto Syr Hew Cowopp chaplayne for the space of iij yeres to synge for the sowles of my father my mother my cister myne owne sowle and all chrysten soules yerely the some of xx^{ti} nobles the yere yf the law of the realme wyll yt pmytt yf not the said Sr Hew to have in fre legacye fyve markꝭ in money to pray for us All the rest of my goodꝭ &c. to be bestowed unto the use of the poore according to the discression of my executo^{rs} whome I do ordeyne &c. John Grymesditche of Grymesditche esquyer and Dorothye Tatton my syster and my cossen Els..... Massye ande my uncle Robert Bowth Richarde Awyn my servaunt And I wy..... Mr Grymesditche shall have for hys paynes v marke and my..... Robert Bowthe v marke and to Richard Awyn v pounde and all my best rayment of every pcell the best In wytnes &c. p me Adam Woode..... ..... rectoř ecclie bře ..... Bowden Sir Hugh Bowth.

THE WILL OF JOHN SMALLWOOD, RECTOR OF COPPENHALL.[1]

IN the name of God Amen The xijth day of Julie in the yeare of oure Lord God 1578 I John Smalwoode clerke pson of Coppenhall in the countie of Chester sicke of bodie &c. ffirste I commende my soule to almightie God the Father the Sonne and the Holie Ghoste beleving unfaignedlie to be saved by that one oblacōn of Christe Jesus my redeem^{o} fynisshed uppon the crosse. Secondlie my bodie I commytt to the earthe to be buried in the chanceill of Cop-

[1] Proved 30th June 1584. Dr. Ormerod does not give the date of Smallwood's institution but his name occurs as rector in proceedings in the Ecclesiastical Court at Chester in May 1563.

penhall aforesaid towardꝭ repacōn of wch said churche I bequethe iijs iiijd And thirdlie my goodddꝭ temporall I bequethe to the wourlde to be devided and distributed as followth Imprmis to him yt shalbe my successor or pson after me and to his successorsꝭ after him the bedcase in the plor wth the hangingꝭ abowte the same the presse wherein my bookꝭ have bene accustomed to lye wth locke and kay to the same wth one tubbe of stone and the greateste troughe of stone abowte the howse Itm to Mr Thomas Willbraham of Woodhaye esquier one crosse bowe wth the racke to the same wch Mr Thomas Minshull of Erdsewicke nowe hathe in his keeping Itm to the said Mr Thomas Minshull my crossebowe wthout the nutte wth the racke to the same and the boultꝭ I will shalbe devyded betwixte them two according to the nature of the bowe Itm I testifie that the racke wch I have geven to Mr Wilbraham is a Frenche racke and doeth appteane to Wiltm Sounde of Torpley and he hath of my [*sic*] a pryse stone bowe and a racke to a crossebowe I will yt if he cleame his racke he shall yeeld backe to Mr Wilbraham the said pryse stone bowe and racke Itm I geve to Mr Thomas Wilbraham a sheiffe of arrowes wth barbed heades Itm to Mr Massy of Coddington I geve an arrowe case of strawe wth locke and kay and the arrowes therein yf he be then lyvinge and not otherwise Itm whereas Thomas Hall blacksmythe hath the greateste pte of a clocke of myne I will that the pishons of Coppinhall shall have bothe yt and ten timber of myne to make the frame wthall uppon condiccōn yt be sett upp and mayntayned to goo in Coppinhall steple but yf they will not bestowe coste uppon yt and sett yt upp then I will that yt remeane to myne executorꝭ Itm to Cateren my base daughter I geve one fetherbedd and boulstere and one copherlett and one mattrasse and one coving and one potte and one panne and two payre of sheetꝭ and one bourde clothe Itm to Mr Thomas Elcocke[1] pson of Bartomley I bequethe my brasaill staffe and

[1] He was instituted to the rectory of Barthomley, 24th March 1576-7, on the presentation of Robert Fulleshurst of Crewe, the living being vacant by the death of Robert Kinsey the late rector. — *Chester Registry.*

a postill uppon the Epistles and Gospells wch is coved wth pchem also he hath two postells of or pisshe also to Mr Woodde vic. of Wibunburie I bequethe the booke wch he hathe of myne for remembraunce Item to Rogr Cartwrighte I geve &c. all my booke and my will ys that Randle Cartwrighte if he applie his booke shall have some pte of the booke suche as will stande him in steede Item I will that Thomas Cartwrighte shall have the howse wch was his late fathers taken for him wth my goodde Item all the reste of my goodde cattalle and debte quicke and deade moveable and immoveable of what kynde or in whose hande soev they be (myne owne debte legacies and funall expence being discharged of the whole) I geve &c. to Ellyne my servantte Moreov I constitute ordeane and make John Shawe clerke Willm Smalwood and Eline my said servauntt my true and lawfull executors to doo execute and accomplisshe this my laste will and testam accordinge to the confidence wch I repose in them and according to the true intente and meaning of the same Theis witnesses &c. Willm Hickinson Antonie Hickinson Thomas Phillippes and others.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM TRAFFORD GENTLEMAN.[1]

IN the name of God Amen I Wyllm Trafford within the countie of Lancastre gentylman beying holle of mynde &c. And therfore I the seid Willm Trafforde Decembr 27th 1545 and 37 Henry VIII. my testament and last wyll doe make &c. ffyrst I comytte my soule &c. [my] bodie I bequethe to be buryed in Jhus

[1] No date of probate. The testator was son of George Trafford Gent. of Garrett Hall, Manchester, descended from Robert Trafford, the first of Garrett, a third son of Sir Henry Trafford of Trafford Knt. who was living in the time of Edward II.

chapell within the paresshe churche of Manchest at the northende of the .... so nere as can be where the preste stondyth ..... the gospell Also I constitute &c. my trusty and ..... . ved in Cryste Margarett Trafforde my mother ..... the true execucōn and pformance of this my said last wyll And also I wyll that the Right Wurshipfull Syr Alexander Radcliffe Knyght and Thomas Leghe my brother in lawe shalbe supervysors of this my seid last wylle and testament To Margaret Trafforde my mother my leasse wyche I have of the ulnage and subsidie within the countie palatyne of Lancast and all my interest therin duryng the holle terme of yeres in the same leasse specified if she so long doe lyffe withe all comodities pfettes, and advantages to the same office appertenyng to thentēt that she withe the yssues and pfettes comyng and groyng of the same office shall fulfyll and performe this my last wyll and testament in man and forme as hereaft shalbe declared ffyrst I wyll that my seid mother shall receyve and take the holle revenewes issues and pfettes comyng and groyng of the seid office to the paymēt of my dettes and to thuse and pfermēt of Thomassyn T. and Alice T. my sustres unto suche tyme as the sume of CC markes be taken up therapon and the same to be equally distributed betwyx thē towardes theire pferment and mareage if they wylbe ordered and advysed therin by my seid mother and my seid supvysors and theire heyres And if either of them wyll not be ordered and advysed by my seid mother in theire seid mareage or do misgyde themselfe then I wyll that suche of them as soe dothe mysordre thēselfe to have no part of my seid goedes nor bequestes And if it fortune either of the seid Thomassyn and Alice my sustres or outher of them to mysgyde thēselves or els to die before they be pferred to mareage then I wyll that Anne Shalcros Iseabell Leghe[1] and Jane Downes[2] my systres shall

[1] She married Thomas Legh of East Hall in High Legh Esq. who by will dated 29th October 1589, and proved at Chester 21st January 1589-90, bequeathed to his grandson, George Legh, his lease of the "Aulnershipp in the Countie of Lancaster."

[2] Jane, wife of Reginald Downes of Downes and Taxall in the county of Chester Esq.—Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 379.

have every of them xiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} parcell of the CC m^{9}kes before specified Itm that immediatlye after the CC m^{9}kes aforesaid is taken up of my seid office that there shalbe yerely gyven duryng the tyme that my seid leasse doethe contynue to the amendyng of Chetam lowne Market stydde lowne the lowne towardes Trafforde Salfort lowne to every one of them yerely vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm I wyll that immediatly aft^{9} my decesse there shalbe yerely one obite to p^{a}y for my saule and all cristen saules in the churche of Manchest^{9} And that there shalbe bestowed and gyffen for the same obite yerely xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Itm if it fortune my mother to dee before the yeres wiche I have in the forseid office of ulnage and subsidie shalbe determēt and endett then I wyll that my seid supvisors or suche of them as then shall fortune to be lyvyng or theire heyres if the seid supvisors be not then on lyve shal have the same office to the pformance of this my last wyll and aft^{9} the pformacōn therof shall dispose the issues and pfettes comyng and groyng therof in dedes of charite for my saule and all crysten saules Itm unto the ryght wurshipfull Syr Alex Ratcliffe for hys paynes to be taken in seyng this my seid last wylle pformed a jaket of fyne lukes velvet and a castynet botell of sylv^{9} and dowble gylt To my brother Rauffe Trafforde a new gowne of ffrenche puke lyned withe saten To my brother Tho^{a}s Leghe a new dowblet of blacke satten To my brother Ric Shalcrosse my newe boke covered withe velvet and clasped withe sylv^{9} To my cosyn Edmonde Prestwyche my ryng of golde withe a ston of amias withe lres in it of R and E To Robt fflecher my bronde flaske ryng of golde Itm I wyll that my bokes of the statutes before the kynges tyme and sythens hys tyme shall contynue and remaygne withe suche person or persones as shall have and enioye my forseide office To my cosyn James Hulme of Deffe Hulme [Davy-Hulme] my new velvet cappe To my uncle Stevn Hulme my ryng withe toe stones in hyt To my cosyn Tho^{a}s Massy of Wykelesweke my best purse To Robt Shawe my gowne faced withe mynkys and welted withe tawnye velvet To Petur Motte

my cappe withe parchemēt lace and my new cote that I dyd ryde in to London lyned withe bukkeram To Syr Rog̃ Irelonde my sylke hatte and my trussyng coffur bandet withe yron and lyned within To my servantes James Baurdemā and Wyllm̃ Reade eyther of them vj^{s} viij^{d} To my sust̃ Elyn Shawe my best new coveryng of arras worke wrought withe sylke To every servyng mā and woman that my mother hathe ij^{s} Itm̃ I wyll that at the day of my buryall my saule masse and dirige shalbe songen in the quere in the churche of Manchest̃ Itm̃ I wyll that there shalbe seid for my saule the day of my buriall xxx masses and to say the same masses in as short space togeyd̃ as they cōvenyentlie can and eṽy of the same xxx^{ti} prestes to have viij^{d} And that syr Rog̃ Irelonde shall distribute the money amongest the seid prestes Itm̃ I wyll that there shalbe gyven the same day of my buriall xij blacke gownes to xij pore men suche as my seid mother shall thenke most nedefull Itm̃ I wyll that immediatly aft̃ my decesse the gret bell shalbe rongen and a saule kuy [?] Itm̃ I wyll that so sone as I sett forwarde towarde the churche the gret bell shall begynne to ryng and soe to contynue ryngyng unto evenyng And that the clerkes shall have for theire paynes therin iiij^{s} and that no other bell be rongen for me the day of my buriall bot only the gret bell Wreton the day and yere above specified These beyng wyttones Syr Alex̃ Radclyffe James Hulme Tho$^{\bar{m}}$s Massy Syr Roger Irelonde and Robt̃ Shaghe.

Hec sunt debit̃ q̃ debeo Inp^{r}mis Ad$^{\bar{m}}$m Byrom v^{li} It̃ Edmūde Shaw iiij^{li} It̃ Ric̃ Galley iij^{li} It̃ Rauff Trafforde iij^{li} iiij^{s} viij^{d} It̃ Thom̄s Ryddelstones xx^{s} It̃ Ric̃ Shalcrosse jx^{s} It̃ the rent of my chamber iij^{s} iiij^{d} Sm̄ to^{lis} xvj^{li} xvij^{s}.

THE WILL OF SIR WILLIAM BOOTH OF DUNHAM KNT.[1]

IN Dei noĩe Amen November 25th 1579 I Wiłłm Bouth of Dunhm̃ Massie in the com. of Chestre knight do make my last will &c. ffirst I geve and bequeath my soull &c. and my boddie to the earth Unto my wief ov̄ and besides her third pte of my goodde the chaine of golde wch I brought wth me last from London weighing aboute xxxli and one other small chaine one carcanett of gold one paire of braselette of gold two sutes of borders of gold and one single border of gold one tablet of gold wth all the ringes she was accustomed to weyre and certen small buttons of golde enameled black and white three little gilt bowles wth my third soilt[2] and wth all my household stuffe nowe remayninge at Steyley Unto my sonne George all the rest of my plate reservinge one doss. of spoones of the worser sort wch I geve to my wief To my sonne George my best chaine wth my signet all my leades at Dunhm̃ and Carington allthe iron bonne wheeles at Dunhm̃ and Carington wth they cheines and the rest of the furniture therunto belonginge I do also geve all my beddinge betwene my wief and my sonne George indifferentlie to be devided betwene them wth the bedstocke and all the furniture belonginge to the same To my said sonne George all my apparell wth all my gold buttons except the same I have before gevin to my wief Itm my will is to bestowe all the naparye ware betwene my wief and my sonne George equallie to be devided To my cosin Wiłłm Tatton my grey horse To Mr

[1] Proved 10th December 1579. Sir William Booth of Dunham Massey Knt., son and heir of George Booth Esq. by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford Knt. married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Warburton of Arley, by whom he had a numerous issue. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 402.

[2] *i.e* salt-cellar.

Rich. Warburton and to Mr Willm Lecestre either of them a geldinge to be delivd to them at the discreccōn of myne executors To Willm Duncalfe my cast of ffawcons my baie trottinge nagge and my settinge spaniell To my sonne George all the implementes of my kitchen excepte my wieves third part To my sonne George my testor of crimesin velvet wth valaunce therto agreable crimosin velvet to covd two chaires three buffet stooles covd wth cloth of gold two carpettes of blewe cloth for the longe table and the square table iiijor pillowes for windowes imbrodard one of blewe velvett one of crimosin velvet one of black satten and the iiijth of blewe sattin of Bridges[1] vj curteins of red and grene saie for ij beddes To my wief one testor of white sattin of Bridges wth curteins of white sarsenet therto belonginge To my sonne Willm Bouth one yoke of stures nowe at Steley the one brinded and the other red of color Itm where ther is a debt growen to me bie Robt Hollingworth of twentie pound my will is he shall have the half therof forgeven hym as my giefte Itm the rest of my gooddes unbequeathed my fundalles and my debtes discharged I geve amongest my doughters to be devided equallie amongs them To my welbeloved mother my sealinge ringe usuallie worne apon my little finger To my brother Davenpte all my houndes To evye one of my sisters one gold ringe viz. my sister Davenpte[2] my sister Chauntrell and my sister Done[3] to be delivd bie my wief To my cosin Willm Tatton Mr George Brereton and Edmond Jodrell all my fightinge cockes and hennes Itm I will that if all my doughters do die before mariage as God defend that then my sonne

[1] Bridges, a kind of thread. — *Halliwell.* *Qu.* from Bruges, famous for its tapestries.

[2] Mary wife of Randle Davenport of Henbury Esq., and Elizabeth, wife of William Chantrell of Bache near Chester.

[3] Ellena Done, only daughter and heiress of James Done of Utkinton Esq., second husband of Elizabeth Booth, the testator's mother. She married John Done of Utkington and Flaxyards Esq. and died 23rd August 1590.— Ormerod vol. i. p. 402; and vol. ii. p. 133.

and heire shall have take and receive all such money as I have gevin and appointed bie other conveyaunce bie dede indented to be paid unto them for their ꝑferment in and to mariage Unto my brother in lawe Mr John Done my best baie nagge and my pide horse nowe at Stely To my doughter in lawe Jane Bouthe[1] a blacke amblinge nagge that was Mr Caringtons and a gold bruche To my brother in lawe Mr Peter Warburton my best grey nagge that I was accustomed to ride apon my self and my lute To my brother in lawe Mr George Warburton a younge cole black nagge To Mr Vicare[2] of Rachdale iiijli To Wiłłm Leigh my longe black cloake To George Holme my best paire of virginalls To Thomas Johnson xxs To Wiłłm Willmson xxs To George Redish fortie shillinge To John Berye xxs To Edmond Lingart xxs To Edmond Pownall xxs To Raffe Dain xxs To Robte Whetley xxs To Robte Lingart xs To Wiłłm Heneshawe xxs To John Bawdon junior xxs To John Basnet xxs To Wiłłm Moreton xs To John Hankinson xxs To Wiłłm Ꝑker xxs To Thomas Coke xxs To John Newton xs To Wiłłm Leather xs To George Moores xs I do ordeine &c. my welbeloved wief Dame Elizabeth Bouthe Peter Warburton of Arley esquier Rañ Davenpte of Henbury esquier Wiłłm Tatton of Withenshawe esquier and George Brereton of Ashley esquier my true and lawfull executors In witnes &c. John Egerton John Done Rich. Eaton

Wiłłm Bouth.

[1] Jane, daughter and heiress of John Carrington of Carrington Esq., and first wife of Sir George Booth Knt., who was created a Baronet in 1611. She died without issue, but Sir George Booth retained possession of the Carrington estates. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 402.

[2] Rev. Richard Midgley. See *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 177 et seq.

TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS RADCLIFFE MILITIS.[1]

Jesus esto mihi Jesu.

IN Dei nomine Amen I John Radcliffe of Ordsall in the countie of Lancaster knighte beeinge of good and ꝑfit memorye and of good healthe in bodie thankꝭ bee unto allmightie God for that I have div̄s little children both yonger sonns and doughters which bee

[1] No date of probate. Sir John Radcliffe, son of Sir William Radcliffe of Ordsall Knt. by Margaret, daughter of Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford, married Anne, daughter and heiress of Thomas Asshawe of the Hall on the Hill Esq., by whom he had (1) Sir Alexander Radcliffe, baptised at the Collegiate Church, Manchester, 2nd January 1573-4, slain in Ireland in 1599. (2) Sir William, slain at Blackwater in Ireland in 1598, fighting against Hugh, Earl of Tyrone. (4) Edmund, and (5) Thomas, both baptised 15th June 1587, and slain in battle in French Flanders in 1599 [the monumental brass states that they died of fever]. Margaret, favourite maid of Queen Elizabeth, died at Richmond of grief at the loss of her two brothers, 10th November 1599. Jane married Sir Ralph Constable; Anne and Alice died young; and Sir John Radcliffe, third son and eventually heir, married Alice, daughter of Sir John Byron of Clayton, by whom he had an only son, Sir Alexander Radcliffe K.B.—Burke's *Commoners*. Sir Alexander Radcliffe was buried at the Collegiate Church 14th April 1654, and appears to have been the last of the family who resided at Ordsall. The following is Dodsworth's copy (taken in 1640) of the inscription on the monumental brass in Manchester Cathedral, in memory of this family:

Deiu moy aidera
Memoria sacrorum.

Hic juxta maiorum cineres sub certa spe resurrectionis ad gloriam requiescunt corpora D'ni Joh'is Radclyffe de Ordeshall militis & Annæ ux'is suæ filiæ & heredis Thomæ Ashaw de Hill armigeri ex qua procreavit (preter quatuor filias) D'n'm Alexandrum Radclyffe filium suum primogenitum militem Willielmum Radclyffe filium secundum p' amore et zelo in principem et patriam in bello Hibernensi contra Hugonem Comitem Tironn (proditorem illum profligatissimum) sine prole peremptos Edmundum & Thomam Radclyffe gemellos in Gallo Belgia martem sequentes febri improles correptos et D'n'm Joh'em Radclyffe militem filium tertium, qui fugæ et timoris nescius solique Anglicanæ gloriæ & suæ virtutis memor, in Insula de Ree magna cum fortitudinis suæ laude demicans occubuit, relinquens ex Alicia consorte sua, filia Joh'is Biron de Novo loco in com. Nott. militis D'n'm Alexandrum Radclyffe militem a Balneo modo superstitem, qui hoc monumentum (licet ipsorum meritis suoque in

unprovided for not knowinge where it shall please God to take mee to his m⁹cy doe make &c. ffirste I bequeathe my soule unto all-mighty God willinge him of his greate m⁹cy to have compassion on mee and trustinge throughe the passion blood sheedinge and deathe of Jesus Christe his onlye sonne to bee on of the electe companye of heaven with the blessed Virgin Marie and all saincte Allso I will that my bodie to bee buried in the chauncell in the church of Manchest⁹ beetwixte the quire doore and the stepps amongste myne auncestors beeinge the buriall of thinheritaunce of this house they of the churche havinge the disposicōn of the clothe of the hears after the same hath continued o⁹ the dead corps by the space of on whole yeare Allso where I have made a gifte of my goode and chattels to my frende uppon confidence I will that that shall bee pformed accordinge to the true meaninge the residue omitted or commen since I will and bequeathe to my three daughters Margrett Jane and Anne Allso I will &c. unto my yong⁹ sonne Willm Radcliffe all my lande and tenemente in Normābye and Claptone within the county of Lincolne Unto the saide Willm all my lande and tenemente within the county of Darbie Unto the saide Willm all my lande and tenemente in the pishe of Rochdale to have and enioye the same and all the ⁹misse for and duringe all his naturall lyfe Unto John R— my yong⁹ sonne all my lande and tenemente in the countie of Nothingam Unto the saide John all my lands and tenemente in Mostin within the county of Lancaster to have and enioy all the ⁹misse for and duringe all his naturall lyfe Allso I will that as leases commen upp or end or as tennaunte doe dye that they shall make theire

ipsos debito impar) pro symbolo tamen pietatis et reverentiæ suæ in parentes charissimos hic locari curavit die [*sic*] Octobris Anno incarnationis Verbi milessimo ccccccxxx°. Sepultus est p'd'ctus Dom. Joh'es Radclyffe senior undecimo die Febr' a° D'ni 1589, et p'd'cta Anna relicta sua e vivis decessit decimo die Januarii a° D'ni 1629 ætatis suæ 87.—Dodsworth's *MSS.* vol. cxlvii. fo. 18. See the *History of the Foundations in Manchester*, vol. ii. pp. 288-90; *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 172, Note.

moste commoditye advauntage and pfitt of all the landꝭ bestowed uppon them Allso I will and require myne executors to bee furtherrers of the same and to helpe them to make theire pfitt in yearlie settinge the same from yeare to yeare for I would have them well broughte upp in vertue and learninge soe that after they shall accomplishe the age of xiiijth years I would have them to Oxford o^{r} Cambridge there to continue till on of them bee able to goe to the inns of Courte if it bee his pleasure o^{r} to tarrye and pceede in ye Uniṽsity and I would wishe on of my sonnes to pceede in the civill lawes eithꝶ in England or when hee shall bee of ability to travell then for to goe beehind the seas for his betꝶ furtherance in learninge and not to dwell and continue in this cuntrey but for a tyme to come to see theare mothꝶ brothꝶ and frendes and not to tarrye in this cuntreye oṽlonge Allso I will &c. all the residue of my landꝭ and tenementꝭ unto my lovinge wife for and duringe soe longe as shee shall live keepinge herselfe sole and unmaried to thentente that shee shall wth suche goodꝭ and the landꝭ as I doe leave bestowe uppon eṽie one of my three daughters the somme of one thowsandꝭ markꝭ a peece oṽ and beesidꝭ theire fynding yearlie for theire meate, drinke, clothes, learninge and other necessaries And if it shall fortune as God forbid my saide wyfe either to departe this lyfe or to bee maried beefore the saide somme bee levied then I will that myne executors shall have all my landꝭ tenementꝭ and rentꝭ untill suche time as the saide sommes of three thowsande markꝭ bee levied and taken Allso I will that if any of my daughters shall fortune to decease beefore mariage that then the somme of money allotted to that daughtꝶ shall cease and end Allso I doe will and require my leasses and myne executors to deale soe wth my landꝭ and goodꝭ that therewth and wth the helpe of my tennantꝭ they would by the mariage of my eldest sonne y^{t} hee bee not maried wthin age but marye his wyfe wth the advise of his kinred and frendꝭ Allso I doe constitute and make Anne my welbeeloved wyfe my lovinge cosenes Raphe Bartō Edward Tilldisley

Christopher Annd⁹tonne Lenorde Chorlay esquiers and Humfrey Worintchham [*sic*] my true and lawfull executors willinge and charginge them and eᵛie of them as they will answere at the dreadfull day of judgment to see this my will ꝑformed accordinge to the true intente and meaninge In wittnes hereof I have subscribed my name Wittnesses Randle Clife Laurence Haworth John Duncalfe George Pendleton John Pollet.

John Radcliffe.

A trewe and perfitte inventory indented and made of all the goodꝭ and chattelꝭ of Sʳ John Radcliffe of Ordsall knighte late deceased praysed by William Garstange Richard Smithe Richarde Wadsworthe and William Shawe sworne to prease the same the xxiiijᵗʰᵉ day of ffebruary and in yᵉ two and thirtithe yeare of ouʳ soᵛaigne ladie Elizabeth by the grace &c.

Impʳmis drawen oxen xljx — cxxxˡⁱ Itm kyne and bulls cxxᵗᵢᵉ — cclˡⁱ Itm steares hefferes twinters and stearkes cx — clvijˡⁱ Itm calves lxxxxiij—lxvjˡⁱ vjˢ viijᵈ Itm fatt oxen iij—jxˡⁱ xˢ Itm sheepe ccccclxxjx—lxxxˡⁱ Itm horses geldingꝭ mares and coultꝭ xlj—lxxxvˡⁱ Itm in swine geese and pullē xvˡⁱ Itm in corne hay and graines in yᵉ barnes cxˡⁱ Itm in corne and graines growinge xxxvijˡⁱ Itm in malte and corne in yᵉ garner vˡⁱ Itm in coine and silver plate ccˡⁱ Itm in ffetherbedꝭ mattrasses boulsters pillowes and carpetꝭ blanketꝭ testers hangingꝭ curshions bedstockꝭ stooles chears and cubbordꝭ clxˡⁱ Itm sheetꝭ bordeclothes towels napkins naparye and linen clothe xlvjˡⁱ Itm in pewᵗ brasse candelstickꝭ fryinge panes browches and goubirnes xxvjˡⁱ vjˢ viijᵈ Itm in chestꝭ cowfers and arkꝭ jxˡⁱ Itm in bordꝭ formes stooles and chears iiijˡⁱ xiijˢ viijᵈ Itm stñdꝭ brewinge vessell tubbs and othᵗ treene ware xijˡⁱ Itm in husbādry stuffe and thingꝭ beelonging to husbandry xvjˡⁱ Itm cheeses tallow buttᵗ and other victualls xijˡⁱ vjˢ viijᵈ Itm slate glasses milne stones yorne stuffe beelonginge to the milnes trowes grindles stone troughes and a

still viij^{li} Itm sackϱ window sheetϱ yorne ashes and salte lj^{s} Itm a coweche saddles bridles and stuffe beelonginge to rydinge vj^{li} xiiij^{s} viij^{d} Itm in apparell for his bodie xx^{li}.

Sum̃ totalis mccccclxviij^{li} viij^{s} viij^{d}.

THE INVENTORY OF SIR EDMUND TRAFFORD OF TRAFFORD KNT.[1]

A trewe and pfecte inventory of all suche goodes and cattales as weare Sr Edmounde Traford knighte at the tyme of his deathe viewed and praysed by us William Johnsonne Richarde Jennkinsonn &c. 27° Maii 1590.

Imprimis in the plor tables coveringϱ quishens and stooles ij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} In the dyninge chambr Itm iij tables carpettϱ formes stwooles and quishens v^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} In the yellowe chābr Itm in fether beddes mattres blankettϱ and other furniture beelonginge to the same viij^{li} In my L: chamber Itm in beddes and furniture beelonging to the same vij^{li} In the mere [inere?] chamber to my L: chamber Itm beddϱ mattresses bowlsters and other furniture of iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} In my M^{r} his chamber Itm beddϱ mattres and other thingϱ belonginge to the same iiij^{li} In the nexte chamber Itm in beddes and coverlettϱ xl^{s}

[1] Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford Knt. son and heir of Sir Edmund Trafford, by Anne, daughter of Sir Alexander Radcliffe of Ordsall, married first, Mary, third daughter of Edmund Lord Howard, third son of Thomas second Duke of Norfolk, by whom he had no issue. He married secondly Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Ralph Leycester of Toft, and widow of Sir Randle Mainwaring of Peover, by whom he had two daughters, and a son Edmund, ancestor of Sir Humfrey de Trafford Bart. of Trafford Park. — *Suffield MSS.* He was buried at the Collegiate Church, 21st May 1590.

in M^ris Elizabeth hir chamber Itm in ffether beddes matres bolsters and other furniture iij^li In the childrens chamber Itm ffetherbeddes mattresses bolsters and other thinges beelonginge to the same xl^s In the nursery Itm in beddinge and other thingę beelonging to the same xxvj^s viij^d In M^r Wiłłm his chamber Itm one bed and furniture beelonginge to the same xxvj^s viii^d In Sr Edmonde his chamber Itm one bed and furniture beelonging to the same iiij^li In the backe chamber Itm one bed and furniture beelonging to the same xl^s In Mathew his chamber Itm in beddę pillowes and oth^9 furniture xl^s In the greene chamber Itm ffetherbeddę mattresses and such thingę belonginge to the same xxxiij^s viij^d In the knightę chamber beddę mattresses blanckettę and oth^9 furniture belonging vj^li xiij^s iiij^d In the white chamber Itm in beddę mattresses blanckettę and all oth^9 thingę iiij^li In the nexte chamber to the white chamber Itm one bedd and furniture x^s In the corner chamber Itm beddę and furniture belonginge to the same x^li In the backe chamber Itm one bedd and furniture to the same xx^s In the bricke buyldinge Itm in beddę and all oth^9 furniture belonginge v^li In the closett Itm one bedd and furniture for the same xxxiij^s iiij^d In the lower bricke buyldinge Itm in beddinge and furniture to the same xxvj^s viij^d In the chappell chamber Itm in beddinge and the furniture belonginge to the same xl^s In the brew howse chamber Itm one bedd and clothes for the same x^s In the kitchin chamber Itm on bedd x^s In the fawlikeners chamber Itm on bedd and furniture xx^s In the horsekeepers chamber Itm on bedd and clothes for the same xx^s In the portars warde Itm in beddinge there xxvj^s viij^d In Baxters chamber Itm one bedd and furniture xiij^s iiij^d In Lasie his chamber Itm in beddinge theare xx^s In the schoollem^rs chamber Itm one bedd and furniture for the same xx^s In the third chamber to Sr Edmonnd chamber ..... In the backe house xx^s In the vaie house Itm in suche furniture as beelongeth to the same l^s In the kitchen Itm all suche furniture as beelongeth to the same v^li In

melche cattell Itm seven and xxx^{tie} kyne lx^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Younge cattell to the somme of xiij^{li} Itm seaven calves xl^{s} Itm in oxen xxv^{li} Itm seaven bullockes xij^{li} Itm Sr Edmund his apparell xiij^{li} vj^{s} Itm in swyne younge and oulde xj^{li} x^{s} The pantrye Itm in lynnens and nappery xl^{s} The plate Itm two bassens and ewers and other smale plate xx^{li} Itm two butte and hogsheades xl^{s} Itm in sheete napkins and other linnens x^{li} Bryne house Itm furniture in the bryne house iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm in nages and mares xx^{li} Itm plowes waines and carte and other thinge beelonginge to the same iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}.

THE WILL OF EDWARD OSBALDESTON OF OSBALDESTON ESQ.[1]

IN the name of God Amen The xvth day of June 30 Elizabeth et anno Dñi 1588 I Edwarde Osbaldeston of Osbaldestō in the county of Lanc beinge in sownde and pfecte healthe and remembrāce thanke bee to God but wayeinge and consideringe my weake fraile nature I knowe moste certenly that by deathe I shalbee drawen hence but of the time thereof moste uncerten and thereof doe ordaine &c. ffirste I bequeathe my soule &c. I will that my body shalbee buried in my chappell wthin the pishe churche of Blackborne And for my worldly goode I give and bequeathe as hereafter doth followe

[1] Proved 25th September 1590. Edward, son and heir of John Osbaldeston of Osbaldeston Esq. by his first wife, Margaret, daughter of George, Lord Strange, son of Thomas, first Earl of Derby, married Maud, daughter of Sir Thomas Halsall of Halsall Knt. (marriage covenant dated 10th April 2 Edward VI.) by whom he had three sons, John his son and heir, Geoffrey, Chief Justice 30 Elizabeth, and Hamlet. *Suffield MSS.* For notices of this family see *The Derby Household Books*, pp. 120, 166.

ffirste my sonne John O. shall have vj of my beste fetherbedde savinge one wth all furniture and thinge thereto belonginge accordinge to my father his will and that all the reste of my saied goode all my debte of the whole beinge firste paied shalbee devided into iij equall pte so neare as is possible the firste pte whereof I geave &c. unto Mawlde O. my wief the seconde pte unto Geoffrey O. and Hamlett O. my sonnes to bee equally devided betweene them And for my thirde and laste pte my funall expenses beinge firste discharged I geeve &c. as hereafter doth followe ffirste unto my sonne John O. ij of my plowes ij harrowes one corne waine and one turfe wayne of the beste wth wheeles teames horsegeare wth such like to them belonginge the longe table in the plor all the borde and tables and fourms in the hall at O. the greate ambry in the buttrey the greate brewinge leade the greate brewinge knopp and the leade under yt in the brewe howse the beste combe iij hogge heade and iij barrells the greate beif pott in the boylinge howse called Coleman the iron chimney wth the reste of the irons in the kitchin to hange potte on for wch saied pott chimney and irons my will is that they shall continually remaine at O. as heire lomes To my saied sonne John O. all glasse and casemente in the windowes wheresoev in and aboute my howse [at] O. all the wainscott wthin all and evy pte of the saied howse the greate standinge bedd wth the wheele bedd under yt in the greate chamber all my armoure and weapons belonginge to warre whatsoev To my saied sonne John vj silver tonnes pcell gilte my best silver salte wth a cover all gilte wch plate I geeve apon this condition that hee shall quietlye pmitt and suffer his moth my wief to have the use of them duringe her lief if shee survive mee and doe desire the same And all the reste of my saied goode geeven unto my saied sonne John O. I geeve apon this condition that hee shall peaceably and quietly suffer all such pson and psons whoesoev unto whom I geeve any pte of my saied goode to have and enioy the same accordinge to the true intente of this my laste will Unto my daughter

Ciceley Singleton one hundreth markꝗ Unto my sister Margret Osbaldeston forty markꝗ Unto my brother Thomas O. forty markꝗ Unto Edward O. eldeste sonne of my saied brother Thomas twenty markꝗ Unto Margrett O. eldeste daughter of my saied brother Thomas twenty markꝗ apon condicōn that shee doe behave and use her self well and honestly at the discrecōn of my executors if in the meane time shee bee not ꝑferred in mariage Unto the reste of the children of my said brothꝯ Thomas that is to say Thomas O. his seconde sonne Ellen Dorothy and ..... [*sic*] O. doughters of my saied brothꝯ Thomas (or so many of them as shalbee livinge at my decease) eꝯy of them an incalf cowe or heffer Unto Henry Wilkinson my olde servante x^li^ if otherwise I doe not ꝑferre him wth some stay of livinge in my lief time Itm my will is that my said sonne John O. shall suffer my servante Thomas Osbaldeston after the decease of Raphe ffishe to have one ꝑcell of grounde lyeinge betweene Smoghe and Conbron tenementꝗ in Oꝯ Darwin now in the houldinge of the saied Raphe ffishe Unto all my howseholde servants at O. and Cuwerdall as also my miller and shepparde in Darwin wch shalbee at the time of my decease eꝯy one of them on yeares wagꝗ Executors Maulde O. my wief and Hamlett O. my sonne and Henry Stanley of Crosshall supvisor whoe muste have one portegue in golde or iij^li^ x^s^ in money ꝑvided alwaies that if it shall so fall oute that the thirde ꝑte of my saied goodꝗ at my decease will not extende to discharge all such legasies and bequiddꝗ wherew^th^ I have charged the same thirde ꝑte my will is that then and frō all and eꝯy one to whome I have bequeathed any ꝑte thereof by this my laste will savinge onely my cozin Henry Standley there shalbee deducted or withdrawne in ratable and ꝑportiable sorte accordinge to the valewe of the saied seꝯall bequiddꝗ and as they shall then fall oute to bee in valewe as aforesaid one xvj^th^ ꝑte and if the same will not so extende as aforesaid then to deducte or w^th^drawe from eꝯy one accordinge to the valewe of one xij^th^ ꝑte And if the xij^th^ ꝑte w^th^drawen will not

serve then to deducte the viijth pte If the viijth pte will not serve then to deducte the vjth pte If the vjth pte will not serve then the iiijth pte And if the iiijth pte will not suffice then to deducte or wthdrawe frō evy one as aforesaide accordinge to thintente and true meaninge of this my laste will and testamente Witnesses Thomas Osbaldeston William Hesketh.

THE WILL OF ANNE HARDWARE OF LITTLE MOULDSWORTH, WIDOW.[1]

IN the name of God Amen The sixt day of Aprill anno Dñi 1593 I Anne Hardware of Little Mouldesworth in the county of Chester widowe ffirst I commend my soule &c. My body I commend to the earth from whence yt came and to bee buried as appertayneth to a Christian at the discrecōn of my executors And as touchinge those worldly goodes and smale substaunce y^{t} yt hath pleased almighty God to lend me in this uncertayne state of liefe ffirst I give unto Henry Hardware my sonne one neast of silv bowles dubble gilt wth a cover and thirteene silv spoones wth pictures of appostles uppon them one great carpett for a longe table and six great

[1] Proved 22nd September 1593. Anne, daughter and eventually co-heiress of Henry Gee of Chester, married in 1560 Henry Hardware, mayor of Chester in 1559 and 1576, by whom she had issue, Henry Hardware of Bromborough and Peel in the county of Chester Esq. mayor of Chester in 1599; John, died young; Jane, wife of Thomas Harbottle of Newbold, sheriff of Chester in 1588; Elizabeth, who married first John Cowper, alderman of Chester, and secondly John Bruen of Stapleford Esq. (for an account of him see *Assheton's Journal*, p. xv); Ellenor, wife of Gerard Massey DD. rector of Wigan; and Margaret, the wife of Edward Dutton, mayor of Chester in 1604. Ormerod calls the testatrix "Amey," vol. ii. p. 181. The original MS. Life of John Bruen Esq. by Mr. Hinde has been presented to the Chetham Library by Admiral ffarington, since the publication of *Assheton's Diary* by the Chetham Society.

quissions of carpett woorke wth pictures of pellicanes uppon them and alsoe one payre of curtaynes of greene and redd silke all the pewter wch now is in the butterie at the Peele and wch was deliv̄ed unto him by an inventarie or schedule indented the one p̄te wherof remayninge wth him the other wth my selfe Unto Margarett Hardware my daughter one gold cheane and one ale cupp of silv̄ dubble gilte wth a cover threteene silv̄ spoones wth broade heades and one little silv̄ salte dubble gilte wth a cover and alsoe one goulde ringe wth a rubie stone in the same my lesser carpett of carpett woorke and six quissions of carpett woorke wth pictures of pellicanes uppon them and alsoe one payre of curtaynes of greene and whyte sarcenett Unto my daughter Ellenor one tablet of gould one hoope ringe of gould and a wrethed ringe of gould my best silv̄ salte dubble gilte wth a cover one whyte silv̄ goblett and one ale cupp of silv̄ duble gilte wthout a cover one ould silv̄ salte wth a cover and three silv̄ spoones Itm I give &c. all my beddinge as well at Chester as at the Peele as fetherbeddꝭ flocke beddes boulsters pillowes coveringꝭ coverlettꝭ blankettꝭ wth curtaynes carpettꝭ and quissions thone halfe therof to my sayed sonne Henry H. and thother halfe to my sayed tow daughters Margarett and Ellenor equally to bee devyded betweene them Itm all my linnens and napperie ware shalbee devyded into three equall p̄tes one p̄te wherof I give &c. unto my sayed sonne Henry H. the seacond p̄te unto my sayed daughter Margarett H. and the third p̄te unto my sayed daughter Ellenor H. Itm I give &c. all my pewter and candlestickes wch are in cofers as well at Chester as at the Peele (and not specified nor mencōned in the aforesayed schedule) unto my sayed tow daughters Margarett and Ellenore equally to bee devided betweene them Unto my sayed daughter Margarett the some of tow hundreth poundes over and besydes the porcōn bequeathed unto her by her father Unto my sayed daughter Ellenor the some of one hundred powndes over and besydes the porcōn bequeathed unto her by her father to be payed unto her out

of such debtꝭ as are due and owinge unto mee Unto my sonne in lawe John Bruen esquier the some of twentie markes to bee bestowed uppon a silṽ cupp Unto my daughter Elizabeth Bruen one pomander covered wth gould and one gould ringe wth a dyamond stonne in the same and alsoe one downe bed wth a boulster now in her owne custody my best blacke satten kirtle and my best petticoate Unto my sayed soninlaw John Bruen and my sayed sonne Henrie H. the some of twentie poundes to bee bestowed and imployed at theire discrecōn to the best use p̃fitt and commodity of my daughter Jane Harbottell Unto my daughter Hardware my best gowne and tow kirtles one of craine colored satten and one other of blacke satten and alsoe one gould ringe wth a deathes head uppon the same Ĩtm I give all the rest of my apparell to my sayed tow daughters Margarett and Ellenor and alsoe all my newe wollen and linnen cloath uncutt to bee devyded betweene them To ev̄y one of my sonne Bruen his children ten shillingꝭ To ev̄y of my sonne Hardware his children x^s^ To ev̄y of my sonne Harbottell his children x^s^ To my brother in law Robert Booth the some of fortie shillingꝭ To my servant Richard Litler the some of fortie shillingꝭ To my servant John Lewis the some of twentie shillingꝭ Ĩtm towardꝭ the releefe of the poore w^th^in Tarvin parish the some of xl^s^ to bee distributed at the discrecōn of my executors Unto my sayed sone Henry H. all such and the same gooddes and cattell howshold stuffe and implem^t^ꝭ apptayninge to husbandry as are expressed and contayned in the aforesayed inventarie or schedule indented and not heretofore by these p̃sentꝭ bequeathed to any p̃son Ĩtm all the rest of my goodes moveable and unmoveable (my funerall expenses discharged and my debtꝭ and legacies satisfied) I give unto my sayed sonne Henrie H. And I ordeyne &c. my sayed sonne Henrie H. and my soninlawe John Bruen esquier my true and lawfull executors In witnes wherof I the sayed Anne H. have hereto fixed my seale and subscribed my name A. H.

THE WILL OF ROBERT VAWDREY OF RIDDINGS.[1]

AUXILIATRIX sis mihi sĉa Trinitas in noĩe tuo sĉo levabo mentē manusq, meas Concede mihi grãm faciendi justificões tuas et tibi grãs reddendi debitas.

In the name of God Amen The twelft day off ffebruarye in the yeare of o^r Lord God MD lxvij and in the yeare of the raigne of Elizabeth by the grace &c. the tent I Robert Vaudray of Riddynge hole of bodie and mind thanks be to o^r Lord God yet nevertheles remēbrynge knowynge revolvȳge in my mynde and considerynge that all mankȳde is mortall and the tyme of his depture uncerten do intend wth the helpe of God to put all such thynge as hee of his most mercyfull goodnes w^thout any my deserve hath leande me the use of in this vale of myserye in asmuche readynes as I can or may and do by and wth God suffer^nnce and helpe ordeyne and make this my last will and testam^t in man and forme folowynge ffirst I comende and betake my soule into the hande of almyghtye God my maker redemer and savyo^r undoubtedlye trustynge and faithfullye belevynge that the inward tender mercye of o^r heavenlye father thoroughe the merytę of his only sonne o^r Lord wth the grace of the Holye Ghost on only God of oĩpotent powre and devyne maiestie that I wretched and synfull creature but yet his hādiwurck and servñt unwurthye shall come to eternall life and everlastynge ioyes wth the fruytion of his deitie and comūyon of his saintę as on of his redemed and elected flocke wth theym in heaven for ev to remayne in life and ioyes eternall

[1] Proved 12th April 1576. Robert, son and heir of Thomas Vawdrey of Riddings (purchaser of the Riddings and lands in Altrincham, Chester and Bowdon) by Anne, daughter of Richard Newton of Pownall, married first Alice, widow of Ralph Brereton of Wettenhall, and secondly Alice, daughter of Ralph Barton. The family continued to reside at Riddings until the property was sold not long before 1666 to Thomas Gerrard gent., son of the Rev. Richard Gerrard, rector of Stockport.

Amen In manus tuas dñe comendo spūm meū redemisti me dñe Deus veritatis And my bodye to be chested decentlye brought home and buryed at the parishe churche of Bowdon in the chappell and place whereas my parentꝭ do lye (reservynge theire relictꝭ) wth suche ornamentꝭ and seremonyes as by the lawe of God and Catholick Church it ought for to be and the more decentlye because I have ꝑfect trust and beleif in God that this my bodie thoroughe or Lord God and Savyor Jesus Christ shall rise agayne glorified and be ioyned to and wth my sole for ever together to remayne in heaven in his celestiall everlastynge ioyes and life eternall Et in carne mea videbo Deū salvatorem meū And therefore have thought good to will desire and hertfullye praye my welbeloved wife executors and lovynge frendꝭ to se my sayd bodie honestlie used and decentlye ordered althoughe it be made of earthe and dust and thereunto is to be reduced yet nevertheles assuredlie trustynge the same my bodie and fleshe to reflorishe and to be ioyned agayne to and wth my soule and in the same my flesh to se my Lord God and Savyor therefore am sturred to make the forsaid desire and praire whome I also beseke of charitie to praye for me and especiallye all those that shalbe ꝑsent at the tyme of my sicknes and depture and that shall heare thereof And I do manyfest and by this my owne hand wrytynge testifie that I do frelye and fullye forgyve all creatures as fullye and frelye as I wuld be forgeven most humblye besekynge God and all his creatures to forgyve me and all my siñes offenses and trespasses and hereof I praye God to witnesse whome I most humblye praye and beseke of his great m⁹cye to have m⁹cye uppon me wretched synner Jhesu have m⁹cye uppon me Lord have m⁹cye uppon me Christ have m⁹cye uppon me In manus tuas dñe comēdo spūm corpusque meū quia me redemisti ac ea oīa bonitate tua ex..... mihi donasti dñe Deus veritatis Amen per crucꝭ hoc signū crucꝭ ✠ Item I do gife to the amendemt of the coverynge and glasse wyndowes of the said chapple vjs viijd to be trulye and necessaryle bestowed thereuppon by my exec̄

makynge the churchwardens or reves pryvye and of councell to theire so doynge Item to sixe of the poorest men of my tenntę w^th^in the parishe of Bowdon vj white gownes desirynge theym hertfullye to praye for me and for to go afore my corps to the churche and buryall of the same And to other vj of the poorest of my tenntę w^th^in the parishes of Northerden and Ashton apon M^9^see Banck other vj gownes of blacke cotton desyrynge and hertfullye prayinge theym likewise to pray for me in comynge next after my corps to the churche and buryall To my mayde Elizabeth Jannye ij heffers and teñe lambes price iiij^li^ To $\frac{xx}{x}$ poore foulkę everye on j^d^ xx^s^ To the late wife of Robert Goge and now wife to Mr Burnell in recompence of all reconyngę betwixt him and me xiij^li^ vj^s^ viij^d^ To Elizabeth Cranerse at [ats?] Jannye in recōpence of the bequest of Edward Jannye if any were to her xiij^s^ iiij^d^ To my cousen Añe Chatherton in like recompence xxvj^s^ viij^d^ To the poore people in Manchester in pformance of the will of the said Edward Jannye[1] everye quarter vj^s^ viij^d^ durynge five yeares next after my decease wch shuld and I would shuld have byn more if I could have got it in of his debtę or goodę or have byn at any quyetnes for the wrongfull truble and paym^t^ to others vj^li^ xiij^s^ iiij^d^ To the poorest householders in the parishe of Bowdon for the like consideracōn lxxiij^s^ iiij^d^ And whereas I have byn divers tymes wrongfullye sued and brought to the poynt of ullagari and also sometymes have byn utlawed unware apon fayned actions and suites for debtę supposed of the said Edward Jannyes and therebye have byn in daunger of losse of my goodę and chattellę wrongefullye for savegard whereof I have heretofore made sundrye instrumēts dedes of gift and wrytynges of my said goodę and chattles aswell unto diverse of my freindę and also to my daughter Margaret Theise may be to manyfest declare and testifie bothe afore God and man that I made all and everye the forsaid dedes of gifte and wryteyngę of my said goodę and chattellę only for the savegard of my said

[1] See Edward Janny's will, *Wills and Inventories*, first portion, p. 157.

goodꝭ and chattles for the tyme of daunger of utlagarye and for no other intent ne purpose And that the sames wryteyngꝭ now and hereafter be void and of no effect whensoever they or anye of theym shall chaunce to be shewed or come to sight And whereas I also by my dede beyringe date the xvjth of Maye a^{o} r̃ r̃ Elizabeth nūc reg̃ &c. the sevent have gyven &c. unto my most trustie ffeoffies right worshipfull and lovynge frendꝭ Jhon Throkm^{o}ton then esqier and now knight Jhon Robynson clerk Urian Brereton and Willm Norres knightꝭ and others in the said dede named of and in all and syngler my mano^{rs} meases burgagꝭ cotagꝭ &c. to thuse of me the said Robt for terme of my life and that my said ffeoffies and theire heres imediatelye after my decease shall stand and be ioyntlye seased of and in the mano^{r} or capitall howse in Chester called Pares Place therein mencioned nowe in the ..... or occupacion of me the said Robt̃ and Jhon Titley gent̃ to thuse of Alice V. my wife for and durynge the terme of xl^{tie} yeares next after my decease if she so longe do lyve And of and in all syngler the meases lands &c. beynge in Bowdon Bollenton Hale and Asheleye and also of a cloase or pasture in Bowdon forsaid now in thoccupacion of me the said Robt̃ and Elizabeth Bowdon widowe called Dunhm waye and all other nowe or late in the occupacion of Beatriche Vrmeston widowe Hamnet Hodgekynson and Ric̃ Jannye or theire ass. to thuse of my sone Robt̃ V. clerk for terme of lx yeares next after my decease if he so longe do lyve wch said graunt to thuse of my said sone Robt̃ made is not ment nor intended to be of any more or any other landꝭ or tentꝭ nowe beyinge in mannarance or occupacion but onelye of the said pasture called Dunhm waye And of and in all thother mano^{rs} meases burgagꝭ &c. in Chester Boughton Bowdon Bollenton Bickerton Tussynchm Hale and Asheley or else where in the counties of Chester and cittye of Chester and also of and in the reversion remaynder &c. of the forsayd manor or capitall house in Chester called Pares Place And of all the forsaid meases landꝭ and tent̃ꝭ in Bowdon Bollenton Hale and Asheley to

thuse of the said Ales and Robt my sone for and imediatelye after my decease the said sevall termes and severall deceases of the said Ales and Robt to thuse of my younger sonnes Jhon and Richard V. for terme of xx iiij yeares next after my decease fullie to be complete and ended if the said Jhon V. and Ric V. or other of theym so longe do lyve The revsion thereof to the heires males of the bodye of the sayde Jhon lawfullye begotten wth remaynder ov as by the forsayd dede more at large appeareth The said Jhon and his heyres males yeildynge and payinge yearely to an honest and learned schoolem^r^[1] durynge all such tyme as he shall teach gram^r^ schoole at Bowdon or Altrynch"m yearely iiij^li^ xvj^d^ To Margaret V. at suche tyme as she shall leave her dishonest and uncleane lyvynge for and durynge all such tyme after as she shall lyve honestlye v^li^ by yeare [In the margin is written, "Ad usū M^o^garet Vaudraye fit meæ."] To the Right Worshippfull Mr Willm Booth Esqr to thentent it shall please hym to be good M^r^ to the said Jhon and Ric and the tennte of the pmysses concernynge turbarye and sute of court and other theire honest and iust causes by yeare vj^s^ viij^d^ accordinge as I in my tyme did To my brother poore kinsfolks and frende in the said scedule named in all vij^li^ ij^s^ jx^d^ To xxx^tie^ poore maydee yearelye for ev ij^s^ vj^d^ To xxx^tie^ poore men yearelye for ev ij^s^ vj^d^ To xxx^tie^ poore children yearely for ev ij^s^ vj^d^ To xxx^tie^ poore widowes yearelye for ev ij^s^ vj^d^ To the curates clerkes and messengers yearelye for ev iij^s^ iiij^d^ at the feast of the Anuntiacion the byrthe of o^r^ Lord God Good ffridaye and Penthecost Item I forgeve my brother Thoms V. the sume of xviij^li^ odd monye wch hee oweth me and I gyve to my said brother xxvj^s^ viij^d^ a dublet a pair of hose and my buffe sattyn gerken desyringe hym to be lovynge frendlye and kynd to my wife and children To my cousen his daughter a heffer and fore lambes To my cousen George his wife and his sone everye on ij lambs To my cousen Thomas Sr Richard and Edward Vaudraye everye on ij lambes To

[1] See *Wills and Inventories*, first portion, p. 161.

the daughters of my cosen Willm V. either vj lambs To the daughters of my cousen Nycolas V. evye on iiij lambs To my cousen Margerye Drynkwater j lamb To my cousens Hamnet Robt and Henrye Mores vj lambes To the daughter of my cosen Thomas V. of Synderland iiij lambes To the ij daughters of my brother Brocke beynge unmarried eyther a heffer To the ij daughters of my unckle Homfray V. eyther a heffer To my god daughters Marye Manwarynge and Ales Mastie either a heffer To everye of my god children iiij^{d} by estymation xxiiij^{tie} viij^{s} To Elizabeth V. my sonnes daughter a cupple of heffers and vj lambes Item I do bequeath and forgyve my disobedyent sonne Thomas all such and those sumes of monye wch he hath wrongefullye receyved and taken from me and also the sume of C^{li} xvij^{s} iiij^{d} wch he also is indebted to me or such pte thereof as shall remayne vulgived [*sic*] me at the tyme of my decease accordynge as by a bill of his hand appeareth willynge and comandynge and appon my blessynge chargeynge and requyrynge hym to use sobrietie and to leave all evell and drynkynge companye and for to say o^{r} Lordes praier wth such other praiers and thanks gyvynge to God as he shall gyve his grace and put hym in mynd daylye uppon his knees everye mornynge humblye besekyne hym to have m^{y}cye uppon all his creatures and to gyve hym grace to lyve honestlye and iustlye in the world uppon my blessynge also willynge hym to say the artickles of o^{r} fayth the crede once everye weke and to be lovynge kynd and helpynge to his mother brethren and sister exhortynge her to repent her evell life and to lyve honestlye from henceforth and also to be kynde and helpynge to his powre to all his poore cousens and frendes and to all the tenntes of the landes wch God hath lent me and I have left hym and to take nothynge of theym nor of any of theym but onlye there due rentes and servyce in asmuche as God hath sent hym the landes wthout labo^{r} and they must labo^{r} and paye for theym and to be satisfied wth the same wch is much better than was left me and wuld have byn better to hym if he wuld have byn

councelled or advysed by me or have shewed hym selfe obedient or lovynge towardꝯ me for although I wuld not yet I rather desire to have hym to die affore me then to lyve to do hurt after me wch God forbid and appon my blessynge I warne the said Thoms from requyerynge hym to love dreade and to serve God to frequent charitie and to do right wth mercie and then shall he wch is all mercifull grnt the his mꝯcie help and prosper the and thine in this world wth longe life and brynge the also to his unspeakeable ioyes and life everlastynge And this doynge I forgyve the all thy mysbehavyor and trespasses done to me and gyve the my blessynge besekynge God to do the same and to grnnt us his great mꝯcie prayinge the to be good to all his and my poore tennntꝯ Quia donum est terra To my godsonne Robt V. sonne to my said sonne Thoms and to his heires males to remayne as herelomes my best silver salt duble guylt wth a cov half a dozen of my best spones a table cloth a towell half a dozen napkens a fetherbed wth thappertenncꝯ my cote of plate my head pece my armynge sword my pulaxe my speyre two sculles ij blacke billes and my blacke velvet cote my best cloake wth broade gardꝯ of velvet to be laye up and kept for hym till he be able to use theym To my said sonne Thoms a gerken of tanye velvet wth a payre of black satten sleves To my sonne Jhon V. a gerken of tanye velvet my dublet wth sleves of blacke velvet my oyle piled cote my ridynge sword a sallit a view bowe a shoffe of arrowes two jacks two sculles To my sonne Ric a gerken of tanye velvet my cloath gowne faced wth blacke tanye my prynye cote a sallet ij jacks ij sculles ij billes or pulaxes a spayre a shoff of arrowes a bowe of eue To my welbeloved brother in lawe John Brereton a payre of bregendynes or white harnes wch hee hathe of myne To my cousen Jane his daughter a cupple of heffers To my cousen Willm Barneston a bowe and a shof of arrows To his ij boys iijs iiijd to buy theym boks To my cousen Elizabeth his wife vs to buy her a kerchef To my sister Brock[1] vjs viijd and a lambe To

[1] Parnell, wife of John Brock of Upton gent.

my dearelye beloved frend John Robynson clerke a suffereigne or x^{s} of gold humblye besekynge hym and all other my neighbo^{rs} kinsfolks and frendꝭ to pray for me Item I give &c. my librarye and all my bokes wrytyngꝭ escriptꝭ munimētꝭ in my studie and closet wth my deske and standish and all that is therein to my sonne John Vaudraye willynge and requyrynge hym apon my blessinge to apply his learninge wth all diligence and that he do not reade any my bokes nor others beyinge of the word of God and scripture but wth meke and humble hert and like desire and praire by hym to be made daylye to gyve him grace of right understandynge of the same and the true Catholick and Christian faith wthout anye arrogancye or mysunderstandinge thereof And I do constitute &c. Ales my wife durynge her widdowhoode onlye my sonne Jhon V. my sonne Ric̄ V. and my verye lovynge frend Jhon Robynson clerke my true and lawfull executo^{rs} willynge and instantlye desirynge and prayinge theym to se this my last will fullye and trulye ꝑformed And if it shall hap any of my fornamed executo^{rs} to repugne or do contrarye to this my last will and testam^{t} that then he or she so doyinge not to have anye auctoritie of in or by this my last will nor in any wise to be taken as my executo^{rs} and also the same so contrarie doynge to be utterlye voyde and of no effect In witnesse whereof hereunto I have set my seale and subscribed my name the day and yeare first afore written vij^{t} the twelft of ffebruary 1567 [1567-8].

THE WILL OF ROBERT HOLT OF STUBLEY ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. the xijth daye of Novembre 1556 I Robert Holt of Stubley in the countie of Lanc̄ esquier sycke &c. My bodye

[1] No date of probate. Robert Holt of Stubley Esq. son of Richard Holt, by Alice,

to be buryed in the chauncell w^t^in the churche of Rachdale nere where my uncle lyethe To my ꝑvnt᾽ Richard Holt Henry Holt Edmunde Mylne Thom^m^'s Gerelde Alex̃ Brydge Rog̃ Holt Thom̃s Browne and Elize Coop viij^li^ that is to wete to ev̄y of theym xx^s^ To James Holt ij coot᾽ To John Holt one coote It̃ I wyll that all my harnes shall remayne here at Stubley to ye use of my heires males for ev̄ It̃ that all suche dett᾽ as my uncle Robert Holt dyd owe wheche be as yet unpayed shalbe payed by my executors (excepte suche dett᾽ as cā be dyscharged by acquytanc᾽ or ell᾽ by sufficient wyttenes or confession) It̃ where I have lately enfeffed Robert Barton esquyer and others of an in the thrydde ꝑte of all my maners of Stubley Chesh^m^m and Naden and in the thrydde ꝑte of all the meases land᾽ &c. in Stubley Chesh^m^m Naden Honersfelde Spotlande Bury Myddleton Butterworthe and Castelton in the said countie to ye use of me ye said Robert Holt and theyres males of my bodye lawfully begoten and for defaulte to ye use of Cicilie my wyiff Richard Jones clerk ꝑson of Bury Rauff Barton Henry Sayvell and Arthure Assheton gentylm̄ for terme of theire lyves to thentent that they shall paye all suche som̄es of money as sallyt᾽ [falleth ?] to be payd concernynge one maryage to be hade betwyx John sone and heyre apparent of Thom^m^'s Grenehalghe esquyer and Alice my dough^t^r excepte lxxv^li^ xiij^s^ iiij^d^ ꝑcell of the saide maryage good᾽ whiche is nowe payed And to paye (if I dye w^t^oute issue male of my bodye lawfully begoten) eight hundrethe markes as in a dede beyryng date ye jx^th^ daye of this instante Novembre more playnly apperith I wyll that all the sayde

daughter of Sir John Saville of Newhall in the county of York Knt. inherited the estate on the death of his uncle Robert Holt Esq. (see his will, p. 14.) — *Suffield MSS.* and *Visitation* 1567. He married (covenants dated 2nd June, 34 Henry VIII.) Cecily, daughter of Andrew Barton of Smithills Esq. His post mortem inquisition was taken 3 and 4 Philip and Mary, in which Robert, son of William Holt, is found his cousin and heir, and of the age of fifty years. The last named Robert was father of Charles Holt, the future husband of Mary, one of the daughters of the testator.

somes shalbe taken of ye said thrydde part of my sayde manors landes &c. It I wylle and assigne to Charles Holt if he marye my doughter Mary or to his brother aft^r his deceasse if he marye my said doughter w^tin tymes lymytted my lease and interest of and in one mease and tente called Starryng lying in the towne of Honersfelde[1] nowe in my occupacon duryng the yeres yet to expyre in the same And if the said Charles or his brother aft^r his deceasse w^tin the said tymes wyll not marye my said doughter then I assigne my said fermeholde to Cicilie my wyiff as long as she kepith her unmaryed And if she marye then to the pfermet of my sayd doughters unmaryed To my said wyiff all other my leases bargaynes and tackes in the pisshes of Rachedale and Bury duryng the yeres of the same yett to spende if she kepe her sole and unmaryed and if she marye then to ye pfermet of my saide doughters unmaryed (except suche closes and beastes gates as Arthure Assheton[2] nowe haith w^tin the vicaredge of Rachedale the wheche I gyve to ye said Arthure duryng the yeres of the same yet to spende payng for the same yerely accordyng as he doith nowe) It where as I have surrendred all my copie holde landes in Totygton to ye pformaunce of my last wylle the said Cicilie my wyiff shall have all the same so long as she shall kepe her sole and unmaryed towardes ye educacon and bryngyng up of my chyldren and if she marye then to ye use of my saide doughters at the discrecon of my saide executors duryng the space of xxj yeres excepte one tente called Holcome Heye pcell of the pmisses which I wyll that George Werberton ye young^r shalbe suffred from yere to yere to occupie aft^r the deceasse of Elene late wyiff of Xpofer Holt duryng the terme of xxj yeres paynge therfore the fermes accustomed to the said Cicilie The residue of my goodes aft^r my dettes &c. [paid] I gyve to ye said Cicilie Richard Rauff Henry and Arthure to ye use

[1] Hundersfield, one of the four large townships composing the ancient parish of Rochdale.

[2] Of Clegg Hall, an attorney-at-law and a wealthy man.

of all my saide iiij doughters nowe not lykened to be maryed whiche saide Cicilie &c. I make my executors And for that y^t they shall have no pte ne porcon of my saide goodę I gyve unto evy one of theyme fyve markes and to have theire costę made if they be put to any trowble Itm that yf it fortune Mr Thoms Grenehalghe[1] to dye (his sone John beyng w^tin age) that then my saide executors shall have ye custodye of ye bodye and landę of the said John G. as gardens[2] in socage to ye use of ye said John G. It that my saide executors shall have in lyke case ye custodye of the bodye and landę of John sone and heire apparent of Thoms Belfelde[3] (if the said Thom^as dye his said sone beyng w^tin age) to ye use of ye said John B. I make supvysors of this my last wylle Robert Barton esquyer and Thom^as Grenehalghe esquyer These wyttenes Charles Radclyff gent. Sr John Dygle Robert Bucley Willm Deurden.

THE WILL OF THOMAS LEGH OF HIGH LEGH ESQ.[4]

IN the name &c. 29th of October 31 of Elizabeth 1589 I Thomas Leghe of High Leghe in the countie of Chester esquire beinge somewhat sycke in bodye &c. my bodye to be buryed in Christian buriall where yt shall please God to appoynt To the children of my

[1] Of Brandlesholme Hall, parish of Bury. [2] Guardians.

[3] Of Cleggswood, in the parish of Rochdale.

[4] Proved 21st January 1589-90. Thomas, son of Robert Legh of East Hall in High Legh by Alice, daughter of Hugh Starkey of Oulton Esq., married Isabel, daughter of George Trafford and sister and heiress of Ralph Trafford Esq. of Garrett Hall, Manchester (see her brother William Trafford's will, p. 61), and was ancestor of George Cornwall Legh Esq. of High Legh, M.P. for the northern division of Cheshire.

sonne Robert Leghe deceassed suche somes of money &c. that ys to saye unto Thomas Leghe two hundreth poundes Unto Robert Leghe three hundreth poundes To my sister Meyre tenne poundes To my sister Jane tenne poundes All the legacyes and somes of money before bequethed shall be taken owte of all my goodꝭ and cattallꝭ (except my leases and tackꝭ hereafter bequethed) Unto George Legh my nexte heire my lease of the corne haye pigge and goose wth hempe and flax wthin the tunnship of High Leghe to the mayneteynance of his howse in keepinge hospitallitie Unto the sayde George Leghe my lease of the aulnershipp in the countie of Lancastꝛ requiringe and charginge hym before God in consideracon of the same to healpe and ayde his bretherne and especiallie his yongest brother Robte Leghe when and so often as eyther he or they shall stande in neede of helpe I gyve &c. my lease whiche I have in Northwood Pke of certayne landes there to the saide George Leghe so that he doe keepe yearelie some honest learned man that cann saye divine service to serve at my chappell at High Leghe for the ease of my tenantꝭ frendes and wellwillers of my howse of High Legh To the sayde George L. all the residue of my goodes moveable and unmoveable as well reall as psonall yet not before bequethed my dettꝭ and funerall expenses beinge discharged owte of the whole requestinge the saide George L. to be good to my sonnes children before named And of this my last will &c. I make the saide George L. my true and lawfull executor In wytnes whereof &c. Sealed &c. in psence of us Edward Legh Richard Garnet Willm Corbie Randall Smallwood Robte Leigh.

THE WILL OF JOHN LEGH OF RIDGE ESQ.[1]

IN the name of the ffather the Sonne and off the Holy Ghost 18th of January 20 of Elizabeth 1577 [1577-8] I John Leyghe off the Ridge in the countie of Chester esquier beinge in good health &c. I comytt my bodye to the earth to be buried in suche comelie and decent order as my executors shall thinke meete nighe to my auncestors yff yt conveniently may be I gyve to John Leighe my eldest sonne and heyre apparant one standeinge cupp of sylver giltt wth a cov wrought wt pculinsse[2] and roses uppon the knobble off the cover a silver salt gilt wth a cov wrought wth the ramēs head[3] an other silver salt gilt wthoute a cov one standeing bolle off sylver wth one cov pcell giltt haveing theron the ramēs head wrought a cupp of silver wth a cover gilt twelve silv spones with kneppes gilt wrought with a lyon a stone cupp with a cov off sylver giltt sixe of the best fether bedde or bedde of downe sixe of ye best materasses sixe of the best bolsters sixe of the best pillowes and pillowe beares sixe peyre of the best blankete sixe payre of the best flaxen shette sixe of the best coverlette sixe off [the] best beddstocke ffoure off the best brasse potte and twoe lesse three of the best pannes a garnishe and a half off the best vessell ffoure of the best bordclothes one dosen of the best napkyns foure of the best towels

[1] Proved 10th April 1578. John Legh of Ridge Esq., son of Roger Legh by Mary, daughter and heiress of William Sparke of Surrey, (afterwards wife of Sir Edmund Savage of Macclesfield, knighted at Leith 37 Henry VIII.) married Elizabeth, daughter of Fulke Dutton, mayor of Chester. John Legh, escheator of Cheshire 12 Henry VI., younger son of Sir Peter Legh Knt., grantee of Lyme and brother of Sir Peter Legh who died at Paris of the wounds he had received at the battle of Agincourt, was possessed of Ridge in right of his wife Alice, daughter and heiress of John Alcocke of Ridge. Here his descendants continued until the time of George II., when the property was sold by Francis Legh of Ridge Esq. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 374.

[2] The portcullis and rose were badges of the royal house of Tudor.

[3] The crest of the family.

twoe off the best basons twoe of the best ewers a dosen off the beste cuishons twoe off the beste carpettę all my armor bookę and apparell a chayne of gold wich was gyven hym by the Lady Savage my mother a gold ringe with a diamonde wich was gyven hym by Mr ffowke Dutton his grandfather an other gold ringe with a blewe saphire all the glasse seelinge waynescotte hangeingę tables formes cupboardę leades breweinge vessels and ffurnacę at the Ridge in the hall kyttchen parlor chambers and howses off office there the grate in the kyttchen two rackę foure spittę twoe of the best geldingę twoe of the best mares fourescore ewes and fourtie weithers in full satisfaction off all suche goodds and cattall as the said John my sone may clayme at my hands by the legacy and devyse off the Ladie Savage my mother deceased or by any other way whatsoeṽ But yf the sayd John my sone doe deceasse wthout issue then I gyve the sayd parcelę of gooddę to suche other off my sones as shall happen too be myne heyre And after theise legacies devided I will that my dettę and the charges of my buryall be ffyrst payd off my goodę To the executors off this my will eṽy of them xxs for ther paynes To Rauffe Bradley my servante my short furred gowne and my blacke cloake layd uppon with laces To Robert Ryle a marble cloake and a grene coate To Edward Whittacars one dublett and two payre off hoose All the residewe off my goodę and cattell I gyve &c. to Elizabeth my wiffe to her awne use (excepted to Katherene my doughter suche plate as was gyven her by Katerine Dutton wydowe her grandmother) And conc̃ninge my landę I gyve &c. to the said John my sone or suche other as shalbe myne heyre my mansion or dwelling howse off the Ridge and all the demayne landę belongeinge to the same my mansion and dwelling howse called Winckle Graunge and all the demayne landes off the same and all other my landes &c. within the counties of Chester Stafforde and Derby saveinge and res̃veinge to my wiffe the interest and tytle off her dower and to my yonger sones the severall annuities off ffyve markę yerely graunted forthe off Wyncle Graunge uppon this condiĉon that he the same

John my sone shall truly paye all suche my dettꝭ as my goodꝭ will not amount to pay I gyve all my landes &c. in the county of Suffolke (except the woodꝭ and advousons) to my executors untill they have levyed the severall somes off money hereafter lymyted that ys to saye to the use of Alize and Marye my daughters eyther off them fourescore poundes And to the use of evy other of my daughters (nowe not maryed or in widowhoodd) ffyvescore poundꝭ a peece to be payd to them as they shall sevally come to mariage pferm^t or lyving with this condicon that yf any off my daughters doe decease before they come to convenient age to enioye ther porcons or yff any off them refuse to be ruled by my executors and oversears in the choyse off ther mariage or pferm^t off lyveinge that then her or ther porcon so deceaseing or refuseing to be ordered shall cease &c. and also untill my executors have receyved off my sayd landes to the use of evy off my yonger sonnes the some of twenty markꝭ for eche and evy of them under lyke condicon as before lymyted to my daughters and also untill my executors have receyved of my sayd landes the some off CC^li sixescore poundes theroff to be imployed to the exhibition off Roger my sonne and ffourescore poundes theroff to the exhibition off Thomas my sonne to the studye of the lawes off this realme And after the receipte off ye sevall somes aforesaid then the same landes &c. shall remayne to my right heires for ever Also that Edward Whittacars my svant shall have for terme off his naturall lyffe the cotage wherin he nowe dwellethe and the gardeyn belongeing to the same with sufficientt hay for two kye in the wynter time to be taken in ye demaynes off the Ridge aforesaid w^thout any rentt paying dureing the said terme off his lyffe ffynally I make the said John Leighe my sone Mr Robt Leghe off Lyme Roger Pott off Harropp Edward Hollinshed off Bosley and Rauff Bradley my svantt thexecutors off this my last wyll and testament and Edward ffitton off Gawsworthe and Thomas Leghe off Adlinton esquiers overseers Theise being wyttnesses Wyllyam Heyley Geffrey Johnson Roger Jackson Rauffe Bradley Edward Hollynshed.

THE WILL OF HENRY STANLEY OF BICKERSTATH ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. 20 July 40 Elizabeth 1598 I Henrye Standley of Byckerstath in the countye of Lanc. esquier being &c. My bodye I bequeath to Chrystian buriall in my pishe churche of Ormeskirke in my chappell there to be sepultred and buried emongę my auncestors in suche sorte as by the discrecon of my executors shalbe thought mete After my ffunerall and debtę dischardged, my goodes &c. shalbe devyded (accordinge to the custome of the countree) into three equall ptes, one pte thereof to be to my selffe, one other to my wyffe and thother emongę my children, nevtheles upon suche condicons &c. viz. that eyther of my dowghters nowe unmaryed, shall have bestowed on them by my wieffe of the rentę &c. of these my landes in Byckerstath and ellswheare wthin the countye of Lanc ffyve hundred poundes a piece towardes theire mariage to be levied after the rate of —— (*sic*) by yeare they beinge ruled and governed in theire mariage by my lovinge wyff and by suche other ffrendes as my said wieffe shall appoynte And if eyther of my said younger doughters fortune to decease before they shalbe soe maried or preferred, that one hundreth poundes pcell of the said ffyve hundreth poundes wch should have ben to her soe decessed shalbe hollye to suche younger doughter soe survyvinge, and that the other ffowre hun-

[1] Proved 17th January 1598-9. Henry Stanley of Bickerstaff, son of Sir James Stanley of Cross Hall Knight (brother of Thomas second Earl of Derby) married 26th Sept. 1563, Margaret, only daughter of Peter Stanley of Aughton Esq. by his first wife Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of James Scarisbrick of Bickerstaff in right of his wife Margaret, daughter and heiress of Thomas Atherton Esq. of Bickerstaff. He was buried at Ormskirk 23rd July 1598, leaving issue Edward, James, and Jane wife of Gabriel Hesketh of Aughton Esq. His eldest son Edward was created a baronet by Charles I. and was ancestor of the present Earl of Derby. — Baines's *Lanc.* See the *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 96.

dreth poundes shalbe equallye distributed upon my said younger doughter soe survyvinge one hundreth poundes, upon my younger sonne James Standley one hundreth poundes, and upon my eldeste sonne Edward S. one hundreth poundes, and upon Anne S. doughter of my said sonne Edwarde one hundreth poundes Also wheare I have a lease from the right honorable Wiłłm Earle of Darbye of one capitall messuage called the Crosse hall and of certen landes to the same belonginge, I gyve the same lease to my younger sonne James S. in recompence of his childes ꝑte and filiall porc̃on Provyded allwayes that if Edward S. my eldest sonne shall at anye tyme w^th^in the space of one yeare next after my decease conveye to the said James S. my younger sonne one messuage or tenṅte in Aughton called the lytle hall in Aughton and all the landes to the same belonginge beinge ꝑcell of myne enheritaunce, together wth one anuytye or yearely rent of thirtie poundes for tearme of his naturall lieffe, that then the said James S. shall delyver to my said sonne Edward S. the sayd lease of the Crosse hall. And as towchinge my landes by me purchased I give &c. the same hollye to my sonne Edward S. for tearme of his liefe and after his death then to the firste begotten sonne of the bodie of the said Edwarde lawfully begotten then to the second sonne third sonne &c. of the said Edward S. lawfully begotten And for default &c. then to James S. my seconde sonne for the tearme of his lieffe And after his decease, then to the first second sonne &c. of the said James S. lawfully begotten And for defaulte &c. then to the right heires of me the said Henrye S. for ever. Soe allwayes provyded, that my said wiffe shall duringe her lyffe have the one halfe of all the landes by [me] purchased. Also I geve &c. one measuage or tenṅte in Burscowe late in th'occupac̃on of Wiłłm Waynewrighte deceassed and bowght by me of Andrew Waterwarde, for suche tearme as I have therein, and all other my tackꝭ and leases as Tallorne in the countye of fflynte or ellswheare w^th^in the realme of Englond to Margaret my wieffe towardes the

satisfyeinge of my debtꝭ and legacyes. To Jane my doughter nowe wiffe of Gabriell Hesketh the sum̃e of one hundreth poundes to be paide after the rate of tenne poundes by yeare, the firste payment to begynne one yeare after the death of me the said Henrie S. and if my said doughter Jane doe fortune to dye before the hundreth poundes be fullye payde, then the said payment of tenne poundꝭ to ceasse. And I doe intreate my lovinge wieffe Margaret, my lovinge neviewe Wiffm ffarington esquier and my ffrend Rauffe Worseley gent. to be executo^rs of this my last will. In wittnes &c. Signed &c. in the ꝑsence of us, Barthollmawe Hesketh Thomas Hesketh Roger Wallworth Peter Leadebeater James Chadock Peter Charles.

Extracts from "a true and perfecte inventorie of the goodꝭ &c. of Henrie Stanlye of Byckerstath esquier" July 20 1598.

Imprimis xxvj milke kyne lxxij^li xiij^s iiij^d—three bulles viij^li x^s—sixtene draughte oxen lxxvj^li—twoe twynter bullockꝭ iiij^li xiij^s iiij^d—viij twynter heffers xvij^li—one cowe and a calfe wth her lvj^s viij^d—sixtene calves ix^li iiij^s—ffower paye hennes and cockꝭ ij^s—xv acres of barlye sowen upon the grounde lviij^li—three acres and a halfe of wheat xvj^li—In Mrs Standley her closett xiij disshes and one basen of pewter xx^s—vj other pewter dishes and one plate xij^s—ix sallett or frute dishes ij^s viij^d—in flax and hempe xiiij^s—in sope vj^s—in hoppes iiij^s—Store howse Flaxe and towe vj^s—in woolle and woollen yorne xl^s—xxij flaxen slyppinges[1] xxx^s—xij slippingꝭ of Readinge xj^s—in tanned hydes xxxiij^s iiij^d—fyve spynnynge wheales v^s—In y^e ꝑler at the lytle hall in Aughton one poll axe and one forrest bill xx^d—one olde sworde ij^s—one ould calyv̊ and one pistole iiij^s—twoe ewe bowes and one qwyver with arrowes in it iij^s iiij^d—in plate xx^li—one flagon cheane viij^li—one other cheane wth linkꝭ xij^li—twoe flagon cheane braselettꝭ iiij^li.

[1] Now called "slubbings" in Lancashire, and applied to wool when scoured and spun but not woven.

THE WILL OF ANDREW BARTON OF SMETHILLS ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. 7 Feb. 1548 [1548–9] 3 Edw. VI. I Andrew Barton of the Smythellę in the countye of Lancast esquier &c. My body to be buried in the chauncell of the pyshe churche of Bolton in as shorte tyme as can any honest pvycyon be made conveny ..... all expencę &c. to be levyed of my goodes at the dyscresyon of my executors .....Thurstan Tyldesley esquier Wiłłm Longley clerke now pson of Pstwyche Laurance Asshaw and Sr James Bolton vicar of Bolton... many of theym as then shall fortune to be unlyve. To Syr John Pynckok prest my chapleyne twellve markę to be payt unto hym in too yeres And as concernyng thorderyng of my manors landę &c. wythin the countyes of Lancast and Notynglm I wyll that Thurstan T. esquier and Laurence A. my most trustie and faithfull cousyns shall apoynt and assigne vli landę yerly of olde rent to goe oute of the townes of Cotyngton Carleton Newarke Carlyton and Mustane in the countie of Notynglm by the instructyon and informacyon of my svnnt Roger Urmystone to be assured to a free scole[2] in Wynwycke for ev upon my

[1] Andrew Barton of Smethills, son of John Barton, by Cicely, daughter and heiress of Ralph Radclyffe of Smethills Esq. married Anne (called Agnes alias Anne in the Stanley pedigree), daughter of Sir William Stanley of Hooton Knt., by whom he had issue, Robert his successor, Ralph, Henry, Thurstan, Cicely wife of Robert Holt of Stubley Esq., Margaret wife of John Westby of Mowbreck Esq., Elenor wife of Edward Singleton of Broughton Tower Esq., and Dorothy, who married William Gerard, Recorder of Chester. — *Visitation*, 1567. There is no date of probate to the will, but the post mortem inquisition was taken 3 Edward VI. at which time the testator was 51 years of age. His descendant, Sir Thomas Barton Knt., died in the time of the Commonwealth, and left an only daughter and heiress, Grace, the wife of Henry, son and heir of Thomas, first Viscount Fauconberg, by whose descendant the estate was sold in 1721. See *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part i. p. 39.

[2] By indenture dated 6th April 1619 Sir Peter Legh of Lyme Knt. gave a yearly

costes and charges and to be made affore the feast of saynt Mychell tharcāgell next comyng yf I the said Andrew do not make it in my lyff tyme. In [re]com[p]ence wherof I wyll y^t my sōne Robert Barton or he y^t shall hapen to be my heyre shall have the one halfe of the lordshipe of Oswentwysyll wyche I lately purchased of the right hono^rabyll[1] Henr.....bounden to my brother in law Wiłłm Westby esquier in sev̊all obligacyons to pay unto hym yet beyng behynde faurscore mark̊e for the maryage of Margaret my doughter to John Westby his sone and heyre apparent I wyll y^t the said Thurstan T. Wiłłm L. ꝑson of Prestwyche and Laurence A. shall take xx^tie mark̊e yerly of the issues &c. of my land̊e in Notynghāmshire duryng faure yers to pay unto the sayd Wiłłm Westby the sayd sōme I wyll y^t the said Thurstan T. &c. shall take xx^li yerly of my land̊e in Blakburne and Roumsgreve to pay my dett̊e whiche I stond bounde to my frend̊e by bylles &c. And whear I have covenāted w^t the said̊e Wiłłm L. and Laurence A. y^t that they shall take the ꝑfett̊e of my ꝑte of the ferme of Bolton and the tythe of Myche Hole y^t they therw^t after my deth shuld pay unto Rauff Barton x^li yerly duryng certeyn yeres toward̊e his exibysyon and lernyng &c. I wyll y^t the said Thurstan Wiłłm and Laurence shall take of my land̊e in Myche Hole and Flyxton xl mark̊e yerly to the ꝑfermēt of the maryges of Dorathe and Eleno^r my doughters unto suche tyme as they have taken the sōmes of CCCC mark̊e y^t is to wete for aither of theym too hundreth mark̊e ꝑvydyt always y^t if the said̊e Dorathe and Eleno^r wyll not be reuled by the ov̊seers of this my wyll then the said paymēt to surcease &c. And wheare Gowther Lee esquier whose saule God ꝑdone dyd apoynt Thurstan Tyldesley[2]

rent for ever of £10 towards the salary of the master of the Free Grammar School at Winwick. In this deed Sir Peter Legh recites a grant of £10 per annum made by his great uncle, Gwalter Legh, to this school, but no mention is made of the bequest of Andrew Barton. — *Report of the Charity Commissioners*, vol. ii. p. 194.

[1] Henry Radclyffe, second Earl of Sussex, K. G., ob. 1556. — Nicolas' *Synopsis*, vol. ii. p. 628.

[2] See *Wills and Inventories*, first portion, p. 104.

esquier and me Andrew B. to be the executors of his last wyll and dyd bequeth unto us ffaurescore pounde towarde the ꝑfermēt of the maryage of Elyn̄ Lee and Elsabeth Lee his cousyns doughters of John Lee whearof I have ffaurtie pounde in my hande I wyll yt wtin one quarter of a yere after my deth myn executors shall levie the said sūme of xlli of my moveable goodes and the same delyv̄ unto the said Thurstan Tyldesley esquier yf he then be lyvyng And yf the said Thurstan be deceassed as God forbyde then I charge my executors as they wyll āswayr me affore God yt they pay the said sūme to ye saide Elyn̄ and Elsabeth wtout maken any delay or dryvyng of tyme uncōvenyently Also wheare the said Gowther Lee dyd make the said Thurstan T. and me Andrew B. his assignes of his lease of his benefyce in Wynwycke I make my assigney for my porcyon therof the said Thurstan T. to thentent yt he may therwt pay the ꝑson of Wynwycke his rente make repacyons ther yt I stand bounden unto pay wayge to the ꝑestes accordyngly to the last wyll of the said Gowther Also I make Agnes my wyff my assigney of the thred ꝑte of the tythe cornes of Halghton wyche I have in ferme duryng my int̄est yf she kepe any howse wtin the ꝑysshes of Bolton or Deyn and yf not then I make Robert my sone my deputie therof Also wheaꝛ̄ Sir Alexandr Radcliff knyght whose saule God ꝑdon and I Andrew B. have a lease of all maner of tythes of the ꝑysshes of Eccles and Deyne and I have graunted the moite of my int̄est therof to Roger Urmyston Roger Warde and Roger Talyer for my ꝑte yet remanyng of the said lease I make Robert my sone my assigney Also wheare I have a lease of the Right Honorable Thomas lorde le Wayre of lande in Horwyche I make Robert my sone and his heyre males my assignes of my said lease and of my int̄est of the lordshipe of the ffoldes Also I gyffe to the said Robert B. my sone my ryng and signett of golde too sylver saltes and one cov̄ for the same one sylver pott gyldyt wt a cov̄ one dosant of my best sylv̄ spones one goblet of sylv̄ ꝑcell gyld wt a cov̄ my best bedd wt the best cov̄yng and wt clothes therto belongyng one gernysshe of

pewꝯ vessell to be as heyrlomes all the chapell gear except one sute of vestmentꝭ best but one To Agnes my wyff one salte of sylv wt a cov a sylv pott wt a cov one dosant of sylv spones wt madyn hedꝭ upon theym one sute of vestmentꝭ the best but one Also I gyve to Rauff Barton ten mꝯks To Henry Barton fyve mꝯks To Robert Holte my sone in law a geldynge To John Westby my sone in law and his wyff one ffether bedd wt clothes thꝯto belongyng and one geldyng Also I right heartely desyr Robert my sone as my specyall trust is in hym to ꝑforme and fulfill this my wyll in recompence of suche costes and chargꝭ as I have susteyned and borne for for thencreasynge of his enherytance and in cōsideracōn of suche sumes of money as I have leafte hym to take for his maryage as I myght have taken yf I wolde And my esspecyall trust and confydence is yt Agnes my wyff and Robert my sone wyll lovyngly agree to gethers and love and charysshe my olde ꝯvnntꝭ to their powers and yt they apon my costes shall kepe my howse her at Smythellꝭ one quarꝯ of a yere next after my decease and pay my ꝯvnntꝭ theyr waygꝭ To Thurstan Tyldesley Sr Willm Longley ꝑson of Ꝑstwyche Laurenc Asshaw and Richard Lever faure of my beste coltes yt be under faure yerꝭ olde To Sr James Bolton vicar of Bolton one yoke of my best draght oxen And forsomyche as I ame not lerned in the law nor have not the experyence and knowlege sufficyentlye to make and declare this my last wyll in forme accordyng to the lawe by reason whearof it may fortune yt sondry and dyvse articles therin conteyned myght be voide in the lawe yf they shulde be extremely expoundit or evyll hendyt or taken I therefore right heartely desyre all ordenaryes and juges who shall happen to have the orderyng or jugyng therof to juge it to the best &c. I make Agnes my wyff Robert B. my sone Thurstan Tyldesley and Robert Holte esquierꝭ to be myne executors to ꝑforme &c. as they wyll answayre me affore God Thez beynge wytnes Sr James Bolton vicar of Bolton Henry Barton Sr John Pynckok ꝑst Roger Urmystone and others.

Inventoriū omn̄ bonorū et catallo; q̄ fuerūt Andreas Barton armig̃ die quo obijt apciatorū p quatuor homies fidei dignos viz Rogerū Urmystone Johē Stones Ricardū Talyer et Willm Holdeyn juratos forma juris ad pciand. omia bona et catalla pd̄ ad pciū condignū desimo die Aprle anno regni Rege Edwardi sexti tercio ffirst viij geldynge one stonet horse and xiij mares and ffeles xvij^{li} — one stage and vj yeryngeſ v^{li} — xxiiij oxen xxxij^{li} — iij fatt oxen viij^{li} x^{s} — xl kyen and effers xl^{li} — vj effers and stere of iij yere age and xxij of ij yere age xvj^{li} viij^{s} viij^{d} — iiij steres of iiij yeř age iiij^{li} — three bulles xlviij^{s} — xviij styrkes of one yere age vj^{li} — xxij store shepe xlvj^{li} — in otes cxj bysses xvij^{li} iiij^{s} — xviij score mette of barly and beane and peyse xxij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — three score mette of rye liij^{s} iiij^{d} — xviij federbedde and xij materas xiiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — xxvij bolsters xxj payr of blankette xlviij covlette viij pillois of downe xviij pyllo beres and v covynge xxiiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — xviij pare of flaxin shetes xxx pare of canvas xvij burde clothes xx towelle vj dosaynt of napkyns vij covynge for tables and cupburde xj^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — vij whisshons of carpent warke and xvj other whisshons xiiij^{s} — three sylver saltes too potte one goblett too dosaint of sylv spones and one chalys ix^{li} — too garnysshe of pewter iij voyders x podychers ij potte one bowle ij basyns and too ewers iij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — vj brasse potte vj panne iiij caldrons x chanlers one brasyn mort w^{t} a pestill too frying panne and one skemere iij^{li} xij^{s} — too leade one colyng fatt ij brendrete viij pař of tange iiij spytte one creaset ij chawfynge dishis v gawberne iij^{li} xiiij^{s} — iiij hogyhshede xxv barelle ij brinyng keyre iij stonde vj chyste ij great arke for corne w^{t} other abilymente of howseholde vj^{li}.

Debiť q̄ defunctus debebat.

ffirst to Roger Urmyston of lent moneye Cj^{li} vij^{s} xj^{d} — Sr James Bolton vicar of Bolton lj^{li} xj^{s} viij^{d} — Sr Willm Longley pson of Pstwiche viij^{li} — Lauranc̄ Asshawe xlviij^{li} — Gyles Morres iiij^{li} — James fforthe xxxvj^{s} x^{d} — Richard Lever xxx^{li} — Margaret Longton

widow l^{li} v^{s} viij^{d} — Henry Hopkyngson of Hulme xl^{li} — Wiłłm Broke xxxj^{li} ij^{d} — Sr Henry ffaryngton knyght xl^{li} — Laurenc̃ Brownlaw xvij^{li} iij^{s} viij^{d} — Elizabeth Legh xl^{li} — James Morres xxiij^{s} v^{d} — Wiłłm Kyrshagh vj^{li} — Nicholas Mather vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — John Whittell vj^{li} — Olyṽ Lokewoode iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — Rauff Hasylhurst xxxiiij^{s} vij^{d} — John Stones ix^{li} — John Walche xl^{s} — Robert Turno^{r} xxiiij^{s} ij^{d}.

THE WILL OF ALICE FRAMWALL OF CHESTER, WIDOW.

IN Dei noĩe Amen 12 Oct. 1550 I Alice fframwall wyddowe &c. My bodie to be buryed in my poche churche Saynt Johns in Chester nygh the font I gyve unto my sonnes Wiłłm and Thomas one orcharde in the croftꝑ of the citie of Chester to have &c. for xxjth yeres next ensuyng my decesse in recompence of the sum̃e of viij^{li} sterlyng wch I borrowed of them in my greate necessitie And after the said xxjth yeres [it] shall remayne unto my son Roger and to [his] heyres togeyther wyth all other my landꝑ and tentꝑ and for defawte &c. then to my sonnes Wiłłm Thom̃s and Rauff and to thare heyres for eṽ To my daghters Roose and Elen my best beydꝑ to be devydyd betwyxt them To my doghter Alice my second sylṽ pyn and a payre of silṽ hokꝑ a drepyng pan my iij^{d} gowne a flokbedd a coṽlett a blanket my eyse pott a platter a salser and a pewter disshe To my doghter Roose my best gowne a kyrtill my best sylṽ pyn my best feddur bed w^{t} ye bolster my best pan the bullen pott my best cubborde a yewlow coṽlet and x^{s} in money To Elen my doghter my second fedd^{r} bedd ij pillooes a blancket a bl..... coṽlet my boghton pott a panpot a platter a maslen bassen and a salser To my son

Wiłłm my covyng a fyre chafer a flokbed wtall thinge belongyng to the same a grate of iron my second cupborde and the settles in the hall To my son Thoms my cownter in the hall my second pan a meyte pot a grene covlet and vjs viijd in money To my two sonnes Wiłłm and Thomas all the implemente in the shoppe belongyng to thaire occupacōn I wyll that my son Roger shall have no pte of my goode for I have paid for hym xxxvs whereof was due to hym xiijs iiijd and the rest of the same money I forgyve hym To my son Rauff xiijs iiijd The rest of all my goode &c. I will shalbe equally devydyd amongest my iij sonnes Wiłłm Thomas and Rauff and my iij doghters Roose Allice and Elen at the discrecōn of my honest neybors Wiłłm Walton baker Thoms Fleccher Rauff Wright John Henryson and Roger Bafforde I make my lawfull executors my twoo sonnes Wiłłm and Thomas Framwall And ovseers my forenamyd neyghbors Wiłłm Wallton Thoms Fletcher Rauff Wright and Roger Bafford (or Basford) the wch be witnesse of the same &c.

Script fuit p me Thomā Latwys.

THE WILL OF ROBERT COCK, PRIEST.[1]

IN the name &c. 16 Jan. 5 Ed. 6 I Robert Cock prest &c. I wyll that my bodie and bones be buried in the churche at Assheton under Lyme yf I departe in the sayde towne or piche I gyve to the povertie of the towne and piche xxs so that the wyffe of Henrie Thorpe shall have theyre of ijs provideth alwayes that in case be the kynge money be munyshed afore the distribucōn of the forsaide xxs that then myne executore shall mynester acordyng as it wyll extende To my syster Alece the wyffe of Rauffe Walocke vjs

[1] No date of probate.

viij^{d} To Rauffe Walocke my best wynter jaket wyth sleves To Nycholas Lyllie ij olde angels To Helen Lyllie and Johane Lyllye [each] ij olde angels of gold To Henrie Lyllie one olde nowble otherwyse called x^{s} and one olde angell a payre of bedstokę a matres a boster ij blanckettę ij coverlettę ij rownde shetę a qwete coveryng and one bedhengyng To my syster Johane late wyffe of Raufe Lyllie one olde ryall and one dubblie ducket To the wyffe of Henrye Cock my brothers wyffe ij^{s} To everie one of my god chyleren my blessyng and viij^{d} To Jamys Cock ij yong waythers goyng be neyte the towne To my brother Henrie Cock all my woode in my turfe howse To Johane Weryngton xx^{d} To Elsabeyth Haroppe viij^{d} To Kateryn Wyttygare Rycharde Thomson Wyllyam Smyght everie one of them iiij^{d} To my cosyn Nycholas Leghes my selke hatte and my beste coyfe To Seth Haspynall iiij^{d} To Sir Edwarde Heape all my turves and my byrchen shides (?) lying in my chambre To my brother Sir Heleas Assheworth my best chappe ? To Charles Scolfelde my bowe one coate at the discrecion of myne executors To my syngler good maist^{r} Sir Wyłł^{a}m Thomson person of Assheton one olde ryall of golde for hys goodnes to me shewed at all tymes To my syngler good Maistres Elezabeth Assheton in parte of my bundone dwetie one olde angell of golde To good Maistres Hopwode my daylie frende one ffyve shelyng of gold dyssyryng her to take it in worthe Also be it knowen by thys my p̄sente wyll wrytyn with my awne handę that I do owghe to my brother Wyłłm neyther gold ner sylver ner yeth anye other dwetie savyng brotherlie love and charitie Also I confesse that my sayde brother Wyllyam Cock dowth oghe unto me ffyve poundę To Laurance Lyffesley one Nwe Testament in Engleshe To my syster Johane late wyffe of Raufe Lyllie all the rest of my goodę to the bryngyng upe of her powre chyldren I wyll y^{t} M^{r} person shall have for my mortuarie acordyng to the kyngę statute. I make my cosyn Nycholas Leghes and my syster Johane my executors and Sir Wyłłm Thomson person of Assheton

supervisore of thys my laste will These beyng record̃ Sir Edwarde Heape Robert Wryght and Robert Wenterbotham wth others

by me Robert Cock prest.

To Merget Brone two kerchyff̃ besyde her wages To Sr Edwarde Heape my sarcenett typpet Also the obligacion in the wyche my brother Wyllm Cock standys bowndon unto me for the payment of fyve pounde shalbe gevyn to my godson Robert Cock son of the sayde Wyllm by me Robert Cock prest.

In the inventory there are "one longe gowne of blacke xvij^s^ one wynter gowne ij shorte gownes x^s^."

THE WILL OF JOHN BRADDYLL OF WHALLEY ESQ.[1]

IN the name of God Amen 31 May 1575 I John Braddill of Whalley in the countie of Lancaster esquier holle of mynde &c. My bodye I doe bequeth to chirsten buryall in the north syde

[1] Proved September 1, 1599. John Braddyll, son of Edward Braddyll of Brockhole, by Jane, daughter of Robert Crombocke of Clerkhill, married Jane, daughter of John Foster of Whalley, by whom he had issue Edward, his son and heir; Richard; Anne, married first John Chew of Parkhead, and secondly Thomas Southworth of Highfield; Cicely, wife of Bernard Blakey Gent; and Jennet, who married Ugtred Morley of Braddyll.—(Corry's *Lancashire.*) His descendant John Braddyll of Portfield Esq. (ob. 1727-8) married Sarah, daughter and at length sole heiress of Myles Dodding of Conishead Esq., whose representative T. R. G. Braddyll Esq. a few years since disposed of Conishead Priory and other property in Lancashire. This Will corroborates Whitaker's statement that John Braddyll trafficked in the unsafe commodity of abbey lands to a very great amount, so that among the MSS. of his family a whole volume, No. 57, is filled with transcripts of these grants alone. The testator was buried at Whalley November 18, 1578, and his wife is erroneously called by Whitaker *Johanna.*—*Hist. Whalley*, p. 244. For some interesting notices of the halls of Braddyll and Portfield see *Assheton's Journal* (published by the Chetham Society) pp. 14-15, and a notice of the testator in the introd. page iv., and also in the *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 141, notes.

of the pishe church of Whalley where Jenet my wiffe lyeth whose soule God pdon I make my most trustie frend the right worshipfull Gilbt Gerrard esquier the Quenes maite attorney genall and Edward Braddill my welbeloved sonne my executors I geve to Thomas Singleton of Oxeforth thre poundes sexe shillinges eight pennce And for as moch as I have maied a lease unto my servant Richard Craven of one tent in Dinckeley in the countie of Lancaster nowe in the occupacon of the saiede Richard yeldinge the yerelie rente of twentie foure shillinges [and] fyve pence my will is that the saied Richard C. shall not onelie not paie anie rent to my heires so longe as he shall live but that the same lease shall remaine to [his] executours paienge therefore then after yerelie the saied rente to [my] heirs &c. And if the saied Richard lyve longer then the yeres expressed in the saied lease then I will that [he] shall have the saied messe &c. hollie duringe his liffe wthout paienge any rente To Edward B. my eldest sonne one standinge pece of silver wth a cover whereon is graven the armes of Brockhole and the same I will maie remaine to the house of Brockhole as an heire lome and notte be taken awaie but lefte from heire to heire so longe as it please God that my heires male shall contenew ther I will that the saied Gilbt and Edward shall deale to everye poore psons cumynge to my buriall one penny and to cause the moste onest psons that cometh to dyne to the nomber of foure score or theraboute I will that my executours shall distribute ymediatlye after my death fyve m9kes to my powreste neightburs aboute my howses at Whalley and Brockhole and cawse them to pray for me Jenet my wiffe Richard Percie Thomas Shirburne esquiers and Sr Thomas Holcrofte knight deceased who were all my speciall good maisters wth whom I served one after another duringe their lyves and moste specially for Kinge Henry the Eight whose soules God pdon by whom my firste risinge and gaine was gotten by byenge and sellinge of lande and other div9e bargaines To Jenet B. my doughter the bed wch she lyeth in the bedstocke one

painted chiste and all the goode and implemente in the same chamb̃r and closet beinge hir apell and implemente Unto Edward B. my eldeste sonne and heire all my bedstocke tables coppborde shelffe presses formes chistes great arke and all the glasse and iron in the wyndowes that are in my howses barnes stables and owte howses at Brockehall and Whalley one brewinge lead and panne wch standith faste in the brewehowse at Whalley and all my waines plowes sledę harrowes and all my irne teames yocke harrowe teyth hacke spade hamers yrne crowes irne weighe wymbles tongee of irne and all my irne cheimnes wch I have at Brockeholle and Whalley excepte one yrne cheimney wch I geve unto Jenet my doughter wch standith in the chappell at Whalley To my godsonne John Braddill one ringe of gold trustinge he will marke the pose written on the ringe To my sonne Edward B. all my booke as well statute cronecles as other excepte one great booke maid by Sr Thomas More knight wch I doe geve to Jenet B. my dowghter To my welbeloved cossen John Crombooke one of my beste cloth gownes and my beste velvat night capp. To my sonne Edward my beste ringe of gold trustinge fullie in him that he will be naturall good and frendlie to his brother and sisters and not onelye to contend wth them for anie thinge conteyned in my will even for that I have taken paines to travell all my liffe even to the daie of my death by the helpe of Almightie God to provyde the saied Edward his heires and the reste of my children of oneste lyvinge wch [I] wold not be for gotten but to geve thancke contenuallie to Almightie God for the same And further trustinge that the saied Edward and John his sonne and all their succession will order them selves and their lyvinge accordinge as I desired the same lyvinge of Almightie God when I had no lyvinge wch was the first when I haid receyved the grace of Almightie God geven to me that I did suppose that I was by the sufferance of Almightie God comon to mans estaite and haid no lyvinge nor no frend that wold releve me my father beinge alyve

and not well contente wth me for that I was geven to gamynge and unthrifte and not willinge to followe his advice wch was boith godlye and profetable if my chance haide ben to a followed yt and notw^th^-standinge I did consider ther was noe helpe soker nor comforth for me at no hand to leyne unto but onelye to call to Almightie God whom I earnestlye desired that I might wth my sore labor and paines takinge obtaine and get trulie an oneste lyvinge to mainteyne an oneste house wherin I myght bringe upp my wiffe whose soule God ꝑdon and children wth the rest of my famalie in the lawes of Almightie God and that I mighte be my self for a comon welth in all thingꝭ that I could justlie doe And that I myghte distribute the reste that Almightie God pleased to send me in almes to my poore nebours and in this mynd I truste to dey and after this sorte I doe chardge Edward my saied sonne and John his sonne and my godsonne and their heires to spend such lyvinge as it shall please God to send them to be stewardꝭ of after my decease as they and ev̄y one of them will answare me at the dredefull daie of judgmente when we shall all mete affore the heighe judge for the moste ꝑte of the landꝭ that I doe leyve unto them was geven and came to me by a speciall gifte and sufferance of Almightie God w^th^oute any deserte of me at all by reason of byenge and sellinge of laundꝭ that I bought of Kinge Henry the Eighte and thereby gaite gaines to the intente that I shold distribute to the poore and be my self for a comon welth and all my succession likewisse and so I truste Edward and John and all the rest wilbe and not to esteme the gaine of this world nether in takinge of fynes nor rasinge of rentꝭ for all thingꝭ in this trancitorie world is but vaine and a shorte travell that wee muste pas throughe even as the flower springeth in somer and falleth awaie in wynter and when wee be deade o^r^ good dedꝭ shall ꝑfett us when incumes and rasinge of rentꝭ shall aske vengens affore Almightie God I will that all my tenn̄tꝭ when they paie their firste half yeres rentes after my decease to my sonne Edward shall

have everye one of them twelve pennce geven them again for a remembrance of the good will I beare unto them trustinge that my saied sonne Edward and his heires will use them well upon their deserte and good behaviour To everye servant in my howses that haith dwelled wth me eyther at Brockehole or at Whalley by the space of too yeres twentie shillinge To the repacõn of Whalley churche twentie shillinge To Maister vicar tenn shillinge I will that Jenet my dawghter shall have too hundreth poundẹ in consideracõn of her good service and paines taken in kepinge of my house To the repacõn of Langall Chappell tenne shillinge everye yere to be paied oute of one lease wch I have of Willm ffarington esquier and Anne his wiffe of the teith cornes &c. of Brockehole wch lease I doe geve &c. to Edward B. my sonne and John B. my godsonne upon this condicõn that they paie owte the said x^s^ yerelye at Christenmas onelye and se it bestowed yerelie duringe the yeres in the saied lease if the saied chappell so longe doe conteynewe and have devine service in the same and if it doe not so conteynewe then the said Edward and John and their assignes shall bestowe the saied tenn shillinge yerelie upon mendinge of the heighe waies in Billington betwene the Chowe Milne and the saied chappell and so directlie to Dinckeley Brooke and in other places in Billington or els on the pooreste folkẹ dwellinge in Billington To Gilbte Gerrard esquier my beste geldinge or meare To Richard Assheton esquier my second geldinge or meare To evy one that I am god father unto twelve pennce apece To my servaunte John Chowe in consideracõn of his oneste and trewe service done unto me heretofore twentie poundẹ and his geldinge that he uses moste to ryde on wth the sadell and the harnishe belonginge to yt To my deare frend Mr Willm Gerrard of Harrowe esquier fourtie shillinge desiringe him to be good and faithfull to my children as he haith ever ben to me and my children w^th^out any desert of me but onelye my good will To Margerie Chatburne wedowe my sister to Robt Chatburne Thomas Chatburne

Robt Chowe of the Potter Forth [and] Wiłłm Blackeburne [each] fyve shillinge to James Holcar of Wiswall twentie shillinge to James Holcar of the Crosse Xpofer Robinson the younger of Barroweforth Xpofer Baldwen [and] John Speyke [each] fyve shillinge to John Pollard [the] young one silver sponne wch is used to remaine in my galorye To Mrs Anne Gerrard one ringe of gold wherein is graven Knowe the self desiringe her to be good unto Jenet B. my doughter and remembr the worde graven in the saied ringe as I truste she will To the children of John Tempeste of Wiresdale twentie poundes in consideracon of [an] award maid by Gilbt Gerrard esquier the quenes maites attorney generall that I should have geven to the saied children sextene poundes and I am contente that the sextene poundes be maied twentie poundes wch is of my benevolence foure poundes more than the award was I will that if any contencon doe arise for anie pte of this my laste will that my moste trustie frendes Gilbt Gerrard[1] esquier her maites attorney generall and Wiłłm Gerrard[2] of Harrowe esquier shall geve judgmente in all such doubtes and such judgment as they or eyther of them makith I doe by this my awne hand admitte to be my full acte and laste will for that I have haid such doinges and experiance wth them boith that I certenlye knowe that they cannot be wrasted nor pswaded otherwais then the verie truste they be put in To Edward B. my sonne the leases of Crosedale Score Whitehalghe Field Crone Mosse all the teithe cornes and graines of Chatburne and the barne ther and the teyth cornes and graines of Whalley To John Braddill my god sonne my lease of all the teyth &c. of

[1] Gilbert Gerard, son and heir of James (second son of William Gerard of Ince Esq.) by Margaret, daughter of John Holcroft of Holcroft, afterwards knighted, Attorney-General, and Master of the Rolls to Queen Elizabeth, ancestor of the Lords Gerard of Bromley and the Earls of Macclesfield. He died in 1592-3, having married Anne, daughter and heiress of Thomas Radcliffe of Winmersley co. Lanc. Esq.

[2] Brother of Sir Gilbert Gerard. He lived at Flambords near Harrow on the Hill, and married Dorothy, daughter of Mr. Richard Page of Sudbury Court, by whom he had eight sons and two daughters.

Twiston and the barne ther Whereas I have a lease of our soveraigne ladye the quenes maitie that now ys of too cole pittę thone wthin the comon and waiste wthin the towne of Brunley called Brodehead and one other cole pitte wthin the towne of Padiham wch lease beareth daite at Westm̃ under the seale of hir heighnes Duchie of Lancaster 3 May 19 Eliz. I geve &c. my saied lease unto Jenet B. my doughter she paienge the anuall renttę And if the saied Jenet deceasse affore the saied yeres be ended then Edward B. my eldeste sonne and heire shall have the saied lease To my servante Richard Craven twentie poundę in consideracõn of his good service To ffrauncę Samwell ffourtie shillinges To Thomas Ambrose ffourtie shillinges To Bernard Blakey my sonne in lawe and his wiffe ffourtie poundę Whereas I have heretofore by the helpe and sufferance of Almightie God geven unto my sonne Richard B.[1] faire lanndę and greate somes of money whereby he is verye honestelye preferred and well considered by me gevinge thanckę to Almightie God for the same Soe have I also paied unto my sonne Bernard Blackey all his marriege good and also geven unto him divs somes of money wch I thincke well bestowed Notwithstandinge I doe geve &c. all the reste of [my] goodę to Richard B. Jenet B. and Bernard Blakey And thus all the world farewell I doe aske all the world forgevnes where I have offended any man and all the world I doe forgeve frelie Also the principall cause why I doe geve any of my goodę or leases to Edward B. is for this cawse that I wold have him to kepe his children to lerninge if it please God to make them apte thereunto to thend they maie serve God and the world truly and that the saied Edward beinge honestelie lefte to lyve maie the better attend to be for a comon welth in place where he maie doe any good

[1] Richard Braddyll was a lawyer and married Dorothy, daughter and coheir of Thomas Catterall of Mitton Esq. and widow of Robert, third son of Thomas Sherburne of Stonyhurst Esq.—*Suffield MSS.* See also *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. lv. note 3.

to the poore and nedye and to conteynewe in praye[r] to Almightie God To John Chowe all my appell not bequethed excepte my beste garded gownes wch I doe geve to Edward B. I make my moste trustie and welbeloved Richard Assheton and Willm Gerrard esquiers and John Crombrocke gentilman suprovisors of this my laste will trustinge they will se yt pformed as I wold have done for any of them if yt haid pleased God to have called for them as he haith nowe done for me and that my children maie quietlye agree to gether In witnes &c. [no witnesses.]

THE WILL OF HENY BYROM OF SALFORD, MERCHANT.[1]

IN the name of God amen 4 August 1558 I Henry Byrom of Salforde in the countie of Lancaster marchante somthinge deceased and troubled &c. My bodie to be buryed in the parrishe churche of Maunchestre or ells wheare yt shall please God in suche sorte and maner as shalbe to the glory of God nere unto my father and mother My goodes and cattells shalbe devyded into thre pte one parte unto my selffe one other parte unto my poore children and the thridd and laste parte unto my wiffe (according to the lawes of this realme) After my dette payd &c. I geve the rest of my parte of goodes unto too of my sonnes Robart B. and Laurens B. equally to be devydet betwixte theme Unto my eldest sonne Robart Byrom the howse or mancyon place wherein I now dwell wth all landes &c.

[1] Proved December 14, 1558. Henry Byrom, son of Adam Byrom of Salford merchant, married Mary, daughter of Thomas Beck of Manchester, by whom he had (with a daughter Isabel) two sons, — Robert, who dying without issue was buried at the Collegiate Church May 5th, 1586; and Laurence (buried June 26th, 1598), ancestor of the Byroms of Manchester.

to the same belonging that ys to saye the burgages in the holding of the wiff of Wiłłm Radclyff John Robynson Robart Mershall Wiłłm Bucke and other too howses or howse stedes standing nere unto Aspe Crofte Yate in Salforde and all landes and tenementę as are now in the holdingę of Robart Pendelton and the wiff of Perys Massie ałs Perkyn M. together wth a ꝑcell of grounde in Salforde in the Myddlefilde there To have &c. to the said Robart B. my sonne and to his heirs male &c. [remainder] to Laurens B. my sonne and to my right heirs for everr Unto my sonne Laurens B. all the landes &c. in Mannchester wch I latelie bought of Wiłłm Strangways gent. and of Rauff Radclyff gent. late of Salford deceased To have &c. [remainder to the said Robert B. and the right heirs of the testator] Unto the poore people xij pecę of gray rugge to be geven by my executours for the wealthe of my sawle Unto George Holte and Edmounde Holte and to eyther of theme iij^s^ iiij^d^ Unto John Estwoode xx^s^ Unto my cosin Rauff Browne xl^s^ Unto my ffrende John Gloverr xl^s^ Unto vj ꝑsons who shall cary my corps to the churche every of theme vj^s^ viij^d^ Also that sixe poore men torche bearers shall have every of theme a blacke rugge gowne To my too meydes Merget Mershall and Mergaret Browne and to eyther of theme vj^s^ viij^d^ To my sonne Robart B. my silver salte I will that John Estwoode shall have the howse and gardyn whiche he now dwellethe in during the lease wch I bought of one Bradshay then tenante to the same howse payinge yerely the rent accustomed Also that yf any of my children die afore thaie come to lawfull age then the goodes of theme so deceased to be equallie devydet emongest the rest of my children then lyvynge Also that Mary my wiffe shall have the bringing upp and kepinge of my children withe thair ffylyall porc̃ons she makinge unto my overseers a wrytyng having all my childrens porc̃ons of goodes wryten in the same And also having a cedule thereunto annexed yerely to be wryten in the same cedule the ꝑfettę of my landes &c. to my heirs dewe whereof one of the said

billę to remayne wth my wiffe thother withe my too overseers And if my said wiffe mary or die as God defende afore my children come to lawfull age then Adam Byrom my loving brother shall have the bringing upp of my children and make the said billis of accompte in the same manerr that the said Mary my wiff shulde Also I straightlye charge and comaunde my loving wiff and in case aforsaid my brother Adam to see my children brought upp in the feyre of God vertue good maners and learnynge and that thaye so brought upp in learnyng to beare ꝑte of the charge uppon their severall fylyall partę of goodes and ꝑte to be borne of the encrease of thair filiall ꝑtę yerelie growing of the same yf God of his infynyte goodnes so sende and provyde I make Mary my wiffe Adam B. my brother and Thomas Birche gent. my executors Unto Thomas Byrche aforsaid gent. yf he survyve me and take paynes in this my will iiij^{li} Itm I shall requyre and most hartelie desire my loving kinsman Rauff Browne and my lovyng ffrende John Gloverr aforesaid to be supvysours These being wytnes Rauff Browne John Gloverr and John Estwoode withe others.

Hec sunt debit que ego debeo In p^{r}mis to my brother Adam Byrom lj^{li} To Robart Mershall for the perchinge of xxjx peses of rugge jx^{s} viij^{d} whereof v are in the handes and custodie of Robarte Mershall aforsaid.

Hec sunt debit q̃ mihi deb . . . In p^{r}mis of Rauff Pendilton . . . Itm of Alexander Wilde ij^{s} whereof I forgeve theme the same to praye for me.

THE WILL OF JOHN BYROM OF BYROM ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. 13 May 1592 I John Birom of Birom My bodie to bee buried in mine auncestors buriall in the parish church yard of Winwicke All my goode shalbee devided into three pte whereof one third pte shalbee to my self another to Mildred my wieff and the third to my children Henry and Elizabeth equallie betweene them To Anne Birom wch is at Henrie Dunsters howse xxli to bee paied wthin one whole yeare after my decease to the hande of John Ownsworth and Richard Arowsmith and bie them tooe to bee put furth to her best use To John Birom sonne of Henrie my sonne one bowle of silver wch I now have and use To Anne Damporte doughter of Thomas D. xxli under this condition that shee shall first make a release to my self and my heires concerninge the lande bie mee purchased of the saied Thomas D.[2] and the saied xxli to bee paied wthin one yeare after my decease yf the saied condition bee observed and otherwise not att all I geve xs towarde the repation and amendinge of the way in the lane betweene Westley Milles and the house of Laurance Twisse neare Leigh To all my servingmen and yomen as well reteiners as of howsehold everie of them vjs viijd To my workemen servante and maide servante evie of them vs To evie one of my sonnes children (excepte John) a cowstirke worth xxs a peece To my cossins the right worsll Mr. Bold of Bold and Mr. George Ireland of the Hutt and to John his

[1] Proved by Henrie Byrom of Westleighe July 25, 1593. John, son of Henry Byrom of Byrom Esq., by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Richard Bold of Bold Knight, married and left issue Henry his son and heir aged 30, 1593, and Elizabeth, wife of Robert Hindley of Hindley Gent.

[2] The testator in 5 Elizabeth purchased from Thomas Davenport a messuage called Davenport's, which was sold May 15th, 1641, by his great grandson John Byrom Esq., slain at the battle of Keynton in 1642.

sonne and to Mildred Saunderson my wives daughter evie of them a ringe of gold of the valew of x^s for a remembrance To Mildred my wief my best silver salte and one horse or geldinge called Hodame and one other called Hixwell To Mildred Bradley one cowstirke of the valew of xx^s I geve twentie windles of barlie to bee bestowed uppon my poore neighbors bie my said sonne and wief To my sonne Henrie my three gownes my satten dublett my velvett dublett and my hose of velvett I make Henry my sonne my executor and my afforsaied cozins the right wor^ll Mr. Richard Bold and Mr. George Ireland supvisurs and overseers Debte owinge to mee Impr^mis . . . . . Wood bie obligation iij^li x^s Item John Tailer x^s Item John Sothworth viij^s Debte that I owe Impr^mis to my brother Henrie xxxvij^li x^s Item to my servant William . . . . . iij^li vj^s viij^d Item to Willia̅ Heypey xxix^s Item to John Hindley iij^s viij^d Item to . . . . . Ownesworth xvj^s Item to M^res Margaret Manley iij^li vj^s viij^d Item to Margaret . . . . . x^s Item to James Crompton Cxiij^s iiij^d Item to James Crofte lj^s Item to Robte . . . . . Item to o^r Matie for the subsedie xxvij^li John Birom . . . . . to the makinge and ensealinge hereof Gilbert Ireland Robte Whardle p me . . . . . istius scriptore̅.

In the inventory, which contains nothing interesting, the testator is described as "John Byrome late of Byrome esquier." The sum total was £259 18s. 8d.

THE WILL OF RICHARD BYROM OF MIDDLETON IN WINWICK PARISH GENTLEMAN.[1]

IN the name &c. the firste day of December 1590 witnesseth that I Richard Byrom of Myddleton in the pishe of Wynwicke gen-

[1] Proved July 31, 1591. Richard, younger brother of John Byrom of Byrom Esq. See p. 116.

tleman beinge sicke of bodie &c. doe make this my last will &c. My bodie to be buried at my pish church of Wynwicke And for such goods as God hath given me thuse and custodie of first my debte shalbe paid and the rest to be devided into two ptes vizt one pte for my selfe and thother for my wife To my nephew Mr. Henrie Byrom my great crosse bowe and the racke wth the arrowes belonginge to the same To John Fraunce my fustian dublet and one paire of stockinge To Nicholas Whitell my best breeches To Mathew Banker my sleveles jerkin and my frice jerkin To my cosen William Byrom my best blacke jerkin To Thomas Dampford my bowe and arrowes To William Mather my old servant one paire of shoes To Williã Twisse one paire of shoes To John Goulden one crosse bowe lathe and one gouse To Hughe Anskowe x^s^ wch he doth owe me And the rest of my pte I give to Elizabeth my wife and I make my executors Elizabeth my wife and John Golden And I require the right worshipfull Sr John Sothworth Knight John Byrom esquire my brother and Henrie my nephew to be over seers Debte that I doe owe Imprimis to Thomas Dowdson for one yoke of oxen vij^li^ x^s^ Itm to the said Thomas iiij^s^ viij^d^ Itm to William Lawton xl^s^ Itm to Thomas Bate for John Aston xij^s^ viij^d^ Itm to the wife of James Wright xx^s^ Itm to Isabell the wife of Henry Twisse x^s^ Itm to Williã Byrom for all reckoninge betwene him and me vj^li^ Itm to Elen Mather iij^li^ It to M^9^garet Hilton for one halfe yeares wages vj^s^ Itm to William Whittell lende money iij^li^ ij^s^ vj^d^ Debte owinge to me the said Richard Byrom Impr Mr Henrie my nephew by bills dated the xth day of May last [the following sums of money] vj^li^ liij^s^ vj^li^ xl^s^ Item Mr John Culcheth the yong by an obligacon wch is in the keeping of Williã Stanaught vj^li^ Itm litle Gilbert Ownsworth vj^s^ viij^d^ Itm Robte Whittell of Abrame xiiij^s^ Itm Thomas Risley iiij^s^ Itm the said Thomas for a locke xij^d^ Itm the said Thomas for a chest ij^s^ In the presence of Henrie Sowthworth John Garrard William Twisse Nicholas Whittell Mathew Barker wth others.

THE WILL OF ROBERT BRUEN OF STAPLEFORD GENT.[1]

IN the name &c, 27 July 1587 I Robert Bruen brother to John B. late of Stapleford in the countie of Chester esquier decessed &c. My bodie to be buried in the churche or chauncell in Tervin, and if hit please my nephew Mr. John Bruen to lycence my bodye to lye in hys chappell I geve towards the reparacõn thereof xiij^{s} iiij^{d} To my nephew John Bruen esquier[2] and to my neice his wyffe my sealinge ringe of gowld To my sister Marie Bruen my howpe ringe of gowld To my brother James B. and to my neice Ane B. one obligation that John Phillip of Great Barrowe and George Woodward of the same towne be bounden in my brother James B. to have it for his lyfe and after his deathe to remayne to my neice Ane B. To my brother James B. my cloake To my neice Ane B. one greene scarfe of taffata To my neice and god daughter Marie B. ten pounde the wch Henrie Post owethe me To my neice Elizabeth B. x^{li} that William Rogerson of Chester owethe me To my neice Margaret B. and to her sister Kateren B. vij^{li} xiiij^{s} x^{d} that Henrie Post owethe me To my nephewes George B. William B. and Robert B. xl^{s} that Thomas Bylden of Chester and Jane his wyfe owe unto me To Thomas Bruen of the Gleg Yate my fryse gowne my best jerkin and breeches and my dropper or hanger and my dublet of whyte rashe To Raphe Bruen my best payre of neyther stocke of carnation colour To Richard Turner my gerkin of silver colour and breeches of the same and my dublet of Normandy canvas To

[1] Proved November 14, 1587. Robert, sixth son of John Bruen of Bruen Stapleford Esq., by Mary, daughter of . . . . . Otley of Otley co. Salop. — Ormerod, vol. ii, p. 175. In the inventory he is described as Robert Bruen late of Stapleford gentleman.

[2] See *Assheton's Journal*, p. xv.

Richard Mekin my fryse jerkin and breeches To Nicholas Wylde my jerkin and breeches of the same cloathe that Raphe Bruen his cloake wch I gave him is of and my dublet of doe skinnes leather To Raphe Annyon my blew neyther stocke and my best hatt To Ales Fisher my greene scarffe of sylke To Wyddowe Annyon my best payre of sheetes and a shirte To Ellen Annyon a yard of my new cloathe I bought for shirtes and one of my three coffers To Robert Cotgreve my thrummed hat and one payre of neyther stockę To Lawrance Ridgewaye the cooke and to everie of the maydes in the howse xijd I ordayne my worshipfull sister in law Doritie Bruen and my sister Marie Bruen my executors unto whom I geve all the rest of my goodę In witnes &c. James Bruyne George Bowen Thomas Bruen William Newport Robert Cotgreve.

THE INVENTORY OF SIR THOMAS BUTLER OF BEWSEY KNT.[1]

THE Inventory indented of all the goodę rightę chattellę and dettę of Sr Thomas Butler late of Bewsey in the countie of Lanc. Knyght decessed wiche are come to the handes and possessyon of Dame Anne Butler wedowe late wyff of the sayd Sr Thomas and Elizabeth Butler doughtr of the same Sr Thomas administr of all the sayd goodę and chattallę the daye of exhibitynge of this invent wch were praysed by George Smyth Henry Fowden Wiłłm Pendleton and Hugh Pylkynton at the instance of the sayd admynystr the xxijth daye of October Anno R. R. nre Elizabeth

[1] Sir Thomas Butler of Bewsey Knt. descended from William le Boteler (living in the time of Henry III.) married Elleanor, daughter of John Huddleston of Sampton, co. Camb., Esq., by whom he had, besides two daughters Margaret and Elizabeth, an only son Edward Butler, the last heir male of this antient family. — *Suffield MSS.*

vicesimo primo 1579 the apparell and juelles of the sayd Dame Anne excepted and to her ꝑper use allwayes savyd.

Corne and haye Impr̃mys xvj acurre of barly xxix^{li} v^{s} — viij acure of oates jx^{li} ij^{s} vj^{d} — ij bayes of haye in Sonkye berne and one other baye in the oxhowse ende vj^{li} Sm^{a} xliiij^{li} vij^{s} vj^{d} Shepe and calves xxxv shepe v^{li} x^{s} x^{d} — xv calves vj^{li} Sm^{a} xj^{li} x^{s} x^{d} Swyne xiij of the beste at xj^{s} the pese vij^{li} iij^{s} — xx of the secunde sorte vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — the thredd sorte xxj spedyngꝭ at iij^{s} iiij^{d} the pese iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Sm^{a} xvij^{li} iij^{s} Horses one nagge callyd dun Davy iij^{li} — one hobye color baye iij^{li} — one geldyng callyd graye Norres v^{li} — one other callyd blacke baye v^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one roned geldyng iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one geldyng callyd baye Holcrofte iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — another callyd bald Crofte iij^{li} x^{s} — the whyte fete mare xl^{s} — a lyttle blacke mare xx^{s} — one baye mare for his owne saddle liij^{s} iiij^{d} — a sorelled mare iij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — the bygge blacke mare liij^{s} iiij^{d} — a geldyng callyd whyte Holcrofte v^{li} — the yonge dun geldynge v^{li} — a geldyng callyd baye Worsley l^{s} — another callyd whyte Dutton l^{s} — one other callyd sorellyd Doncast iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — a baye curtall nagg xl^{s} — a nagge callyd Blackeberde xliij^{s} iiij^{d} — the pyed colte vj^{li} x^{s} — a graye mare iiij^{li} — the two mylne horses xlvj^{s} viij^{d} Sm^{a} lxxvj^{li} xvj^{s} viij^{d} . Plate and juellꝭ one bassen and ewer sylver graven weying lxj onz. xviij^{li} vj^{s} — a nest of tuñes sylver wth a cover weying lij onz. xv^{li} iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one salte sylver wth a cover weying xvj onz. et dĩ iiij^{li} viij^{s} — one dosen spones sylver weying xvj onze iij^{li} viij^{s} — one cristall crosse not valued Sm^{a} xlj^{li} v^{s} iiij^{d} Eles and chese certen salte eles vj^{s} viij^{d} — xx dry cheses xvj^{s} viij^{d} Sm^{a} xxiij^{s} iiij^{d} Lynnyns one tabull cloth damaske worke x^{s} — a towell of the same worke iij^{s} iiij^{d} — xij tabull napkyns of lyke worke vj^{s} — v cubburde clothes v^{s} — iij flaxen towels vj^{s} — iiij flaxen pilowe beres iij^{s} — xiiij payre flaxen shetes lv^{s} — ij long flaxen towellꝭ xviij^{d} — xvij olde flaxen tabull napkyns ij^{s} iiij^{d} — one fflaxen tabull clothe iij^{s} iiij^{d} — an olde dyapur tabull clothe viij^{d} — iij course canvas tabull clothes iiij^{s} — vj cupburde clothes flaxen

ij^{s} vj^{d} — viij payre canvas shetes xvj^{s} Sm^{a} v^{li} xviij^{s} viij^{d} Beddynge hanging beddstidde queshynnes woll taball stoles burde and ladder ij quilted covynge xvj^{s} — iiij wollen blankette frysed jx^{s} iiij^{d} — ij other olde wollen blankette ij^{s} — xij coverlette iij^{li} xij^{s} — iiij other olde covlette x^{s} — iiij bolsters xvj^{d} — vj other course covlette xx^{s} — x other olde course covlette x^{s} — vij other olde blankette vj^{s} — ij bolsters iiij^{s} — iiij mattrasses xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — ij olde carpette thoñ for a tabull thother for a cupburd ij^{s} viij^{d} — one joyned bedstid wth curtens of blew taffata iij^{li} — the hangynge of dornyx of three chambers with ij cupburd clothes and iiij curtanes for a bedd all of dornyx vj^{li} jx^{s} — a paynted cloth in the hall v^{s} — ij other joyned beddstidde xx^{s} — ij queshynnes xij^{d} — iij stone woll xxiiij^{s} — v sawed burdes viij^{d} — a ladder iij^{s} — viij stoles ij^{s} iiij^{d} — ij cheres xvj^{d} — one scare [*sic*] tabull in the plar v^{s} Sm^{a} xxj^{li} xij^{s} viij^{d} Brasse pewter and insture goode in the kechyn brewhowse dey howse and buttre one brasse pan weying xij^{li} viij^{s} — ij lyttle brasse potte weying xj^{li} v^{s} — ij long gowbarde vj^{s} viij^{d} — ij drepyng pannes vj^{s} viij^{d} — one frying pan xx^{d} — ij dosen and x platers vj potyngs xx small dysshes xvj sawsers weying vj score pounde iij^{li} — ij broches xvj^{d} — one gryddyron viij^{d} — iij pewter chambpotte ij^{s} — iiij pewter candlestickes iiij^{s} — xiiij pewter plates iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one bassen and ewer pewter iij^{s} iiij^{d} — ij pewter cannes or flagannes vj^{s} viij^{d} — one brasse pan in the dey howse xviij^{s} — v olde eshynnes xx^{d} — iiij stone mugges viij^{d} — j churne iij chesfurthes one commbe and ij tre platters xx^{d} — one brewyng leade in the brewhowse xxvj^{s} viij^{d} Sm^{a} vij^{li} xviij^{s} Apparell and crosse bowe one payre shorte velvett howse vj^{s} — one sattyn dowblett x^{s} — a taffate dowblett w^{t}howt sleves v^{s} — one payre long velvett breches xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — a rydyng cloke lynyd wth unshorne velvett l^{s} — a garded cloth cloke wth sleves xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — a Spannysshe lether jerkyn vj^{s} viij^{d} — a long gowne of sylke grogram xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} — an other long gowne wrought velvett vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — a velvett cloke lyned wth buckrā liij^{s} iiij^{d} — a shorte furred chamlett

gowne xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} — an olde blew rydyng cloke vj^{s} viij^{d} — a payre of boote ij^{s} — a crosse bowe wth the keper v^{s} — one other taffate dowblett iiij^{s} Sm^{a} xx^{li} ij^{s} Waynes ploughes and other husbandry stuff with turffe and cole ij olde waynes xx^{s} — vj draught yowkes iiij cheynes wth ij payre weldes xvj^{s} — ij cuttyng axes one hachett iij spades one hacke one byll two negers and one chesell iij^{s} vj^{d} — iij baye of dep turves v^{li} x^{s} — vj lode cole vj^{s} viij^{d} Sm^{a} vij^{li} xvj^{s} ij^{d} Sm̃ tot̃ cclv^{li} xiiij^{s} ij^{d}.

Supra dict̃ inventoriū exibitū fuit et est sub ꝑtestacōe de addend̃ et corrigend̃.

The inventory of all the rest of the goode chattalle dette plate and juelle of the w^{t}hin named Sr Thom^{a}s Butler wiche at the tyme of exybytyne hereof were come to the knoledge of the sayd administe and are from them deteyned by Edwarde Butler esquyer and others whom the sayd admynistę have in sute for the same.

Inp^{r}mys the lease of the ꝑsonage or rectory of Weryngtone with all the tythes and ꝑffittes thereunto belongynge for many yeres yett indurynge.....all the tythes of corne and haye of the same ꝑsonage in this last yere viz. Anno Re Elizabeth vicesimo primo..... sertene olde corne remaynynge in Burtonwodd berne at the death of the sayd Sr Thom^{a}s estemed to xv^{li} — serten olde corne lykewyse in the sayd ꝑsonage at the death of the sayd Sr Thom^{a}s estemed to xiiij^{li} — iiij baye of hay at Bewsey detened allso and esteymed to jx^{li} x^{s} — one baye [of] haye in the ꝑsonage berne deteyned and estemed to vj^{li} — ij stackes hey in Bewsey ꝑke deteyned and estemed to l^{s} — the lease of a chantre in Weryngtone callyd Butlers chantre .....Cattell praysed by the within named praysers the daye wthin specyfyed and deteyned as is afforesayd xxiiij kyne with ij bulles xl^{li} — vj of the best oxen xviij^{li} — other vj oxen xiij^{li} x^{s} — viij stures of iij yere olde xij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — xiij twynter heffers xvj^{li} iiij^{s} — viij other twynters vj^{li} viij^{s} — xiiij styrkes viij^{li} iiij^{s} — one lyttle odd styrke xij^{s} Husbandry stuff wth sawed burdes tymber fallen in the

pke and olde tymber lykewyse deteyned as is afforesayd iij payre [of] plough irons estemed to iij^{s} iiij^{d} — v hassyng (or hussyng) spades lykewyse estemed to iij^{s} — one payre [of] wheales shodd wth iron estemed to xx^{s} — serten sawed burde in the close lefte wth a grett nomber more in the porter his lodge estemed to xxxiiij^{s} iiij^{d} — xj score and xj tymber treis fallen in the pke estemed to lx^{li} — olde tymber lying in the courte at Bewsey and abowt the howse liij^{s} iiij^{d} Lynnyns with booke clocke and bell lykewyse deteyned as is afforesayd viij payre [of] flaxen shetes estemed to iij^{li} — vj chamb towelle estemed to x^{s} — one Englysshe bybull wth other bookes estemed to iiij^{li} — the clocke and bell estemed to iiij^{li} Beddyng hangingе carpette cupburd clothes pictures tabulles cheres stoles lykewyse deteyned and estemed as folayth pticulerly xxij ffetherbedde estemed to xx^{li} — xx bolsters estemed to xl^{s} — v blankette new stuff to liij^{s} iiij^{d} — a grene sylke quylted covyng xxvj^{s} — a lyn quilted covyng to x^{s} — iij covlette to xx^{s} — one fflocke bedd or mattres to vj^{s} viij^{d} — vj peloys to xij^{s} — one test^{r} sylke for a bedd wth iij curtens moccadowe in Sr Thom$^{\tilde{a}}$s chamber to xxv^{s} — the picture of Crist in the same chamber.....the quenes maiesties picture iii^{s} iiij^{d} — one long tabull in the plor to vj^{s} viij^{d} — iij joyned stoles there to iij^{s} — ij cheres there to xij^{d} — a payre [of] playng tabulle to xvj^{d} — one carpett for a tabull and one for the cupburde in the plor to vij^{s} — a scare joyned tabull in the stonde in the pke to iij^{s} iiij^{d} — ij trocull bedstidde to ij^{s} Saddles brydles colers horse clothes lytter wth lytter saddles beaste hyde raw and tanned dereskynnes dressed and undressed with glasse and sealinge deteyned as is afforesayd one horse lytter wth saddles and theire appurtynaces ..... vij or viij rydyng saddles wth theire brydles and saddle clothes colers and horse clothes to the same.....vij tanned cowhyde.....the kye hyde kylled at the buryall.....dere skynnes dressed.....certen undressed.....all the glasse and sealynge at Bewsey..... Brasse pewter kechyn stuffe and other instare [or

ıisture] in the kechyn brewhowse boltyng howse dey howse and chese chamber deteyned as is afforesayd and estemed as aft^{r} apperyth Kechȳ iiij brasse pannes estemed to iij^{li} — iiij brasse pottꝗ to liij^{s} iiij^{d} — one brasse cawdron to viij^{s} — one leade cawdron vj^{s} viij^{d} — a drepyng panne ij^{s} vj^{d} — one frying pann to xvj^{d} — one payre [of] rackes to v^{s} — two chaffyng dysshes to iij^{s} — one grydyron to xij^{d} — one morter and pestell to vj^{s} viij^{d} — one long brandreth to x^{s} — ij pewter platters to ij^{s} viij^{d} — iiij small pewter dysshes to ij^{s} — vij broches to x^{s} — ij choppyng knyves to viij^{d} — a mynsyng knyff to vj^{d} — a dresser knyff to vj^{d} Dey howse a lyttle brandreth in the dey howse to xij^{d} — a payre [of] fyry tonges to vj^{d} — vj mylke leadꝗ sett in frame to xx^{s} — xiiij stone mugges ij^{s} vj^{d} — xl hard and dry cheses xxx^{s} iiij^{d} Boltynge howse ij barrells and two syffes in the boltyng howse to viij^{d} — iiij turnellꝗ or tubbis to x^{s} — iij emptye hoggesheaddꝗ in the chese chamber ij^{s} vj^{d} — iiij commbes xx^{s} — one malte arke to ij^{s} vj^{d} A cheiste in the yeylyng house x^{d} — a bultyng tubbe and a syftyng tubbe xij^{d} — a greatt brewyng leade to xxx^{s} iiij^{d} — ij cowple dĩ olde lyngꝗ[?] to xvj^{s} viij^{d}. Plate and butre stuffe wth glasses stillatory and bedd pann lykewyse deteyned as afforesayd and estemed as hereafť folayth ij bolles wth one cov̊ sylver.....iij other sylver bolles..... ...one other lyttle sylver boll.....a sylver cup wth a broken cov̊.....one sylver salte gilde.....a stone pott garnysshed wth sylv̊ and gilde.....vij brasse candlestickes estemed to jx^{s} iiij^{d} — iij bassens with ewers to xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — ij pewter voyders to vj^{s} — a case of tabull knyffes to iij^{s} — ij lether jackes to viij^{d} — xj drynkyng glasses v^{s} — ij tyn bottellꝗ.....viij watter glasses .....x stonndes and barrellꝗ xxv^{s} — one stillatory to v^{s} — a chaffyng pann for a bedd to iij^{s} iiij^{d} — a sylver toth pyke to xvj^{d} Apparell arm^{r} wepons gu̅nes copis vestymentꝗ tronkes cowfers badges and close stole deteyned as is afforesayd one payre [of] blacke Jersey stockyngꝗ.....a sattyn dowblett.....a whyte canvas dowblett.....a syde cloth gowne.....a taffate hatt.....

a blacke felt hatt.....iij larg velvett cappe.....ij other velvett cappe of a lesser sorte.....vj shurtes.....ij bagges thoñ of spruse thother chamlett.....viij vestmente ij cowpes of velvett and sylke fayre ymbrodered.....ij peases of testore and hangynge of velvett and sylke.....iij corselette and theire furnyture.....xiiij cotes of plate.....viij or jx calevers.....one case [of] pystolles..... a case [of] dagges.....iij hengers or skeynes.....iij buckelers .....one drom.. .....xxj badges sylver.....a closse stole coved wth lether.....ij tronke and ij tronke cowfers bonde wth plate.. ..... v or vj other chest or cowfers..... Dette specyalties wth money swannes wax hony and blacke brydd lykewyse deteyned as is afforesayd one obligacon for xl^li^ due by Richard Eaton and James M'bury xl^li^ — money that was in Sr Thom^as^s purse at his death abowt vj^li^ — sten [certain] mylned vj^d^ in an other purce to the valure of..... one Adam Egge by his byll deteyned by the sayd Mr Butler x^li^ — ij payre [of] swannes.....the hony and wax of certen hyves..... a blacke brydd and her cage bought by Sr Thom^as^s in London..... one.....Wooton of London due by his byll when he is of abylytie to paye the same xx^li^.

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THE WILL OF RICHARD BRADSHAW, SERVANT AT ARMS.[1]

IN the name &c. 3 Sept. 1592 I Richard Bradshaw servante at armes beinge &c. my body to Xpian buriall at [the] dis-

[1] Proved 11th January, 1592-3. Richard Bradshaigh, sergeant-at-arms to Queen Elizabeth, was a younger son of Roger Bradshaigh of Haigh co. Lanc. Esq. This family is now represented by the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres of Haigh Hall, near Wigan.

creacōn of my frends And as touchinge my goodꝭ my will is that my executor here after named and my bretheren Thomas and Wiłłm Bradshagh shall have all such landꝭ &c. in Hagh in the county of Lancaster as I heretofore had of the demise of Roger Bradshagh my father duringe the continuance of the lease and that Alexander Standish of Standish gentleman shall assure unto my sayd exec̄ and the sayd Thomas and Wiłłm B. the lease therof and all his right and interest therin To my nephew[1] Ric̄ Gravend esquier one watch or clocke of silver To my neece Gravend now wief of the sayd Ric̄ one looking glasse To my sister Anne Radcliff one peece of gold now in my deske to the value of vj^{s} wch is called a pistole and late was my mothers To my brother Wiłłm B. a gold ringe now one my finger To Mr Maynond[2] one picture of the ould lord keeper[3] To my brother Thomas B. all my apparell at London wth my rapier and dagger there one cover one chist one trunke and my bed wth all furniture therunto beelonginge To my sister Ellin[4] all the linnen in my trunke at Kirkeleys To Ric̄ Standish my boy to bee payd unto him at thend of five years next after my discease the some of v^{li} Itm wheras ther is in my deske at London one bonnd of the some of one hundreth and fifty poundꝭ for payment of a hundreth poundꝭ I give unto Katherin and Jane Bradshagh daughters of James B. deceased fforescore and ten poundꝭ therof and unto Edward Rigby esquier ten poundꝭ to bee payd at such tyme as the same shalbee due and the rest of all my goodꝭ I geeve &c. unto my welbeloved brother Edward B. my sole executor These are the debtꝭ which I doe owe Imprimis to the executors of Xpofer Anderton esquier vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — to Mr Gilbart Wakringe xl^{s} — to Mr Chi-

[1] Richard, son and heir of Thomas Grosvenor of Eaton Esq. by Anne, sister of the testator (afterwards wife of William Radclyffe Esq.), direct ancestor of the present Marquis of Westminster.

[2] Qu. Maynard.

[3] Sir Nicholas Bacon, lord keeper 1558–9, ob. 1578–9.

[4] Ellen, wife of Ralph Houghton of Kirklees gent.

dioughe Warder xl^{s} — to Mrs Margaret Whitney widowe the xxjth of November next comming vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — Item to the sayd M^{ris} Margarett Whitney to bee payd unto her at every xxjth day of November next after the sayd xxjth day of November during the space of foure yeares now next ensuinge vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} a yeare untill the sayd some of xxvj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} bee fully payd To my brother Edward B. viij^{li} To Richard Sallam and one Jackson for makinge apparell ——— These are the debtę whiche bee owing unto mee Impr of Mr Thomas Dutton of Bickershagh wch I lente to his wief the some of vij^{li} v^{s} These be witnesses hereof Ed. Rigby Signū × Dorothee Rigby John Baley.

THE WILL OF THOMAS BIRCH OF HINDLEY BIRCH GENT.[1]

IN the name &c. 28 Sept. 1595 I Thomas Birche of Hindley Birche in the pishe of Manchester and in the countie of Lancaster gent. &c. ffirste I comend my soule &c. and my bodie I comitt to buriall to bee buried wthin the churche in Manchester in the chapell called Jesus chappell Item my ffunerall expences shalbee discharged of my whole goodę that done it is my will that my goodę then shalbee equallie devided into iij parts wheirof one parte I give to An my wife accordinge to the custome of the countrie an

[1] Proved 10th February, 1595-6. Thomas, son and heir of George Birch of Birch Hall gent. by Marion, daughter of Thomas Beck of Manchester, married first, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Chetham of Nuthurst Esq. (marriage covenant dated 16th April 2 Edw. VI.) and secondly, Anne, whose surname is unknown. His younger brother, William Birch, was warden of the Collegiate Church, Manchester, in the time of Queen Elizabeth. The testator was buried there 14th October, 1595.

other parte I give unto my twoe sones Robarte B.[1] and William B. my yongeste sone the iij and laste parte I give unto William my yongeste sone excepte such legasyes as I shall give heirafter to bee taken out of the iij parte for hee hath been broughte upe wth litle charges in comparisone of my other children for my twoe doughters Alis and Jenet have had a hundreth markes ether of them and more in money and other stuffe It is my will that the some of v^{li} yearly bee taken forth of the Wood Knowle and the Broad Meadowe for the space of x yeares wheirof it is my will that v noables a yeare duringe the space of foure yeares nexte after my decease bee payed to the feoffees of Manchester Schole and the reste of the some of v pound duringe the tearme aforesayed to remaine only to my sone William B. but if William B. my sone his parte doe amounte to the some of a hundereth pound^{e} then it is my will that William my sone shall have but the one halfe of the v pound yearelye duringe the tearme of x years aforesayed Item that George my sone and his heyres at any time heirafter if it please them maye redeeme the some of v^{li} the yeares aforesayed Item whearas the wife of James Holand hath a bill of myne of vij^{li} or theirabout and hath not delivered it backe againe unto mee I payed the same money to hir when I receaved the money of hir that came from Walshoat of London Item whearas I have been at coast^{e} and charges for Edmond Platt and the land^{e} belonginge unto him theirfore it is my will that William my sone shall have the rule and governement of his land^{e} for that he is garden [guardian] to him by lawe Item that George and William my sones shall keepe Edmond Plat to learninge soe longe as the shall thinke good It is my will that George my sone accordinge to his promise doe quietly permit my wife to have twoe parlers or other conveniente places to her use if shee meane to continew heare and keepe hir heare unmaried If any

[1] Robert Birch, fellow of the Collegiate Church, Manchestor, buried there 12th April, 1609.

troble or controversie happen to arise betweene my wife and cheldren or any of them I desyre yo^w my trustie frende Mr. Robarte Hulme of Redishe my nephew Mr. James Cheethame William Brownehill and Raphe Houghton or some twoe of yo^w to doe yor beste indevoure to make peace and quietnes amongste them I give to George my sone and his heyres theise heirelomes followinge as the weare lefte to mee the great garner in the barne the great steepe keer the yrans in the halle that came from Durrame the silver salte the stone troughe in the kitchin the one halfe of the harnes and weapons in the house To Alis and Jenet my doughters eyther of them a stirke To foure of George my sone his children the white heapher To Jhon Whelwrighte my blew coate and lether doblet worste hyer ende of hoase a shirte and a hat To Henry Wilkensone my better frize coate To George Houlme Adam Hyale Edward Teliare George Psivall Arnold Blomeley Jenet Hyndsone [and] Margret Wilsone [each] iij^s iiij^d To Elizabeth Psevall a cowe or els xl^s To Richard Jenkens ij^s To Elzabeth Hardey xij^d It is my will that my executors shall take order for the payment of my dept^e as apeere in my deptbooke wth in the space of one yeare nexte after my decease I make my executors An my wife and William my sone I apoint my overseers George B. and Robarte B. my sones Theese beinge witnesses Thomas Greaves George Psevall George Hulme.

THE WILL OF THOMAS CHADERTON OF THE LEES, CO. LANC., GENT.[1]

IN the name &c. 11 Aug. 1572 I Thom^as Chaderton of y^e Leze wth in y^e countie of Lancast^r gentylmā &c. I do comitte my

[1] Proved 12th May, 1573. The testator married Joan, daughter of John Tetlow of

mortall bodie to Chrystyan buryall wthin the pisshe churche of Old$^{\bar{c}}$m To Anne Crompton wyff of Wyll$^{\bar{r}}$m Crompton my dought$^{\bar{r}}$ one hūdrethe markę To Alis Chaderton my dought$^{\bar{r}}$ one hūdrethe markę and also xl^{s} by yere during hyr lyff issuyng fourthe of my inheritaunce of Foultfin in the countie of Staffort To Jane Chaderton and Brydgit Chaderton my doughtę [each] one hūdreth markę To Katryn Travys wyffe of Hugh Traves my dought$^{\bar{r}}$ one hūdreth markę All the aforesaid quyddę or legasies it is my wyll that my sōne George Chaderton shall paye y^{e} same wthin the space of one two [*sic*] yerę next aft^{r} [my] deathe in..... of suche thingę as I wyll gyve unto hym in thys my last wyll To Jane my wiffe all my purchessed landę in Māchest$^{\bar{r}}$ and aft$^{\bar{r}}$ hir death to remayne to [my] right heyrę To Jane my wyff all the koened [coined] golde and sylv$^{\bar{r}}$ in my chyst or custodie excepte my funerallę and forthe bryngyng wich I wyll shalbe taken of the same golde and sylv$^{\bar{r}}$ To Laurence Chaderton my sōne xl^{s} by yere yssuyng out of my inheritance in Foulfy̆ in y^{e} countie of Staffort tyll the said Laurence may spend by yere in benefies or other pmosions one hūdreth markę and then y^{e} said xl^{s} shall not be payed to y^{e} said Laurence any longer Unto Wyllm Crompton and Anne his wyff the rev$^{\bar{r}}$sion of one lease wich I have of y^{e} graunt of Thom$^{\bar{c}}$s Crompton decessed of y^{e} Whit Croftę in Crompton To ev$^{\bar{r}}$ one of my executourę xl^{s} a pece for there paynes Itm to Edwarde Berdsley Thom$^{\bar{c}}$s Chadwicke Robert Clegg and Adam Shawe [each] a jaket clouthe of viij^{s} the yarde To Alys Grene my servāt womā a gowne clouthe of viij^{s} the yarde To George Chaderton my sūne my best ring to be a heire lome for ev$^{\bar{r}}$ and all y^{e} goodę that I have

Chamber, by whom he had (with other children) a younger son, Laurence Chaderton B.D., Master of Emanuel College, Cambridge, and one of the translators of the English Bible. — *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part i. p. 116. The Testator's grandson, Thomas Chaderton of the Lees Gent, recorded a pedigree of three descents at the visitation of 1613. His arms were Sable three bars argent. Crest, on a wreath a husbandman holding a scythe ppr, and the motto, "Ein doe and spare not." — *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xiv. p. 153.

wth dettę and cattals afꝯ y^t^ my legasies and dettę be payed I make my executorę Edm̄nde Asshetn of Chaderton esquyer Richarde Radclyff of Langley gentylmā and John Taylear of Horshedge In witnes &c. in the ꝑsence of Sr Rodꝯ Wrygley my curate Adam Hyll and Edm̄nde Smyth wth others.

Theis be the dettę due to me ye said Thom^a^s Chaderton Alexand^r^ Houghton and Wyłłm Davynporte adminystrators of the goodę of my Ladie Radclyffe xv^li^ John Bucley of Whytfelt xx^s^ John Hylton de Beyle More xv^li^ Henry Taylear my tenand xl^s^ Jam̄s Bucley my sune in lawe v^li^ the said Jam̄s for ye Beyre Fylde iiij^li^.

Theis be ye dettę wiche I ye said Thom^a^s ough To Sr Rodꝯ Wrygley iiij markę To ye wyff of Ric̄ Wolfendē and to hyr chyldren xxvj^s^ viij^d^ For ye gronde in Whetstonhyll xlvj^s^ viij^d^ Katryn Watson ux̄ Omfrey Watson iiij^li^ Wyłłm Radclyff of Māchest^r^ xl^s^ Henry Hardie of Manchestꝯ xx^s^.

John Taylear of Cohyll ought unto me vj^li^ xiij^s^ iiij^d^ and hathe ꝑmysed and plegged unto me one clowse of hys tenemēt called Blocke Ryding for eyght yerę to come Notw^th^standing the said ꝑmysse I am contēt to release ye said John of ye said fyle and bargayn yf he do paye unto me or to my sune George betwyxe this and ye feast of Saynct Mychaell tharāngell next the said sum̄e of sexe poundę xiij^s^ iiij^d^.

THE WILL OF DAME CHRISTIANA CALVELEY OF LEA.[1]

IN Dei nōie Amen in the viij^th^ yer of ye reyne off Kyng Henry the viij^th^ in ye xvj^th^ day of ye monthe of Novēber that I Dame

[1] No date of probate. The testatrix was the daughter and heiress of Thomas Cottingham and widow of Sir Hugh Calveley of Lea, co. Cest., Knt. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 419.

Crystyane Calveley make my testamēt in y^is^ man̄ off wyse in my gud helth In p^r^mis I beqweth my sowle to Almyrgthy God and hys mod^r^ Mary and to all ye sayntꝭ in hevyn and my body to be broghte to ye chyrche off Būbury yff yt plese God In p^r^mis y^is^ my wyll y^t^ iij yere aftur my dessesse a prest to synge for my husband and mee to ye qweche mat̄ I wyll y^t^ yt be fulfyl wyll [while] xx^li^ wyl laste And I wyll y^t^ my sun George apon my blessyng see y^t^ y^is^ be done And [I] wyll y^t^ Antony have ye londe y^t^ I have in Chestur duringe hys lyve To sayd Antonye a stonyng pese of sylv̄ w^t^ a cov̄ I wyll y^t^ my lady have a gylde gurdyll y^t^ shee hase al redy also ye fed^r^ bed y^t^ ys w^t^in hyr chambur My dogrtur Elsabet[1] my suns wyve my best gurdull and my best bedꝭ [beads] My dogrtur Clyffe[2] my blacke gurdull and my sylv̄ bedꝭ [beads] Hyr dorgtur Crystyan Clyffe xx noblus to hyr mareage Also I wyll y^t^ my dogrtur Elsabet my sons wife shall delyver the said gurdull and bedꝭ to hyr son Hug̃ and hys wife Also I wyll that ye seid Hug̃ shall have the ij new saltꝭ delyv̄yd hym at hys goyng to howse I wyll that Elsabet Calveley Ellen and Crystyan have ichen of theyme a gerdell and a peyre of brode shetes Also my son George howys unto me xx markes in on ꝑcell and iij^li^ in a other ꝑcell and xx^li^ in a other ꝑcell I wyll that Elen ....have my best gowne and girtle and smokes and cherchefꝭ Also y^es^ byn ye dedtꝭ y^t^ byn howyng me In p^r^mis Perys Dutton howsys to me xl^s^ in on ꝑsell and ye same Perys howsys me x^li^ in a other ꝑsell by ye hondꝭ of Sr John a Dutton Also John Aldersey a marke and iij^s^ iiij^d^ Also Wyłłm Masse of Codyndton a marke Also my syst̄ Margere Calveley vij nowblus for rente and xx^s^ for a hoggyshede of wyne Also I make my sone George my Lorde Abbot and Antony Calveley my exsecutors and my Lorde Abbot of Chestur ov̄seer y^t^ my wylbe fulfyllyd And thys done I geff all my londys and godys and dettys to my son George Calveley.

[1] Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Piers Dutton of Hatton Knt. and wife of Sir George Calverley Knt.

[2] Alice, wife of Richard Clive of Huxley Esq., ancestor of the Earls of Powis.

The inventorye off the goode off my ladye Cristian Calveleye In p^r^mis ij great salte w^t^ a cover pcell gilt xxxvij once vij^li^ viij^s^ — a gilt cuppe off silv w^t^ a cov contaynīg xxxj ownces vj^li^ iiij^s^ — a pece off silv contaynyng xij once xl^s^ — a nutte w^t^ a cov contaynyng xxiiij once iiij^li^ viij^s^ — a maser cōtaynyng vij once xxv^s^ viij^d^ — a dosen silv sponys cōtaynyng xij once xl^s^ Sum xxiij^li^ viij^s^ viij^d^ iiij fether bedde — vj floke bedde — vj bolsters — viij pelows — vj pelow beris — v blankette — xj covlette — ij covynge — v brasse pote — a pā and a mo^r^t^r^ presed unto x mlke.

THE WILL OF THOMAS VALENTINE OF BENCLIFFE, CO. LANC., GENT.[1]

IN the name &c. 28 March 1550 4 Edw. VI. I Thomas Volantyne of Benclyffe gent. &c. and my bodye to be buryed in Eccles churche I gyffe to my sunne Richarde Valentyne all my landys &c. accordyne to the teno^r^ of certen dedys indentyd made 7 Oct. 3 Edw. VI. also that there be dysposyde of charyte to pore folkys by the advyse of Syr Robart Langley and Richarde my sune the sum of xxvj^s^ viij^d^ I gyffe &c. all the reste of my goodys and cattals to Recharde my sune my executor And I make Syr Robart Langley of Agecrofte knyght [my] supvysore Also that all yemen and offycers w^th^in the howse shall have evye on of theym xij^d^ a pese

[1] No date of probate, but the inventory is dated 8th April 4th Edw. VI. Richard Valentine of Bencliffe Esq. (sixth in descent from the testator), baptised at Eccles 18th June 1675, was high sheriff for the county of Lancaster in 1713. By his will, dated 23rd June 1713, and proved at Chester in 1716, he bequeathed Bencliffe Hall to his kinsman Thomas Valentine, clerk, of Franckford in the county of Sligo. The latter in 1766 devised the estate to Samuel, eldest son of John Valentine of Boston in New England, by a member of which family the hall and fifty acres of land were sold about the year 1792 to a Mr. Partington.

to prey ffor my sawle and evye servynge meyde xij^{d} lykewyse to prey for my sawle and evye husbandman or workman iiij^{d} a pese to prey for my sawle To Alys my servaunde woman for hyr paynys takynge v^{s} To evye on of the gentylwomen xij^{d} a pese to prey for my sawle Thes beynge wytnes Thomas Dodeson pste Robart Langley Robart Howlden Thomas Longworthe Thomas Locke Nycholas Langton Robart Halle Henrye Dodeson Ottys Hollande of Clyfton wth others.

THE WILL OF CHARLES WORSLEY OF MANCHESTER, YEOMAN.[1]

IN the name &c. 8 April 1641 I Charles Worsley of Manchester yeoman being infirme &c. my bodie I commit to the earthe to bee buried in Christian manner And conserning such worldly goods as the Lord hath bestowed upon mee my will is that the bee devided into tow equall parte one to bee equally devided among my ffower children Raphe Worsley of Platt Edward Worsley of Rusholme Alice Boulton wyffe of Thomas B. of Salford and Cycley Brounsword wyffe of John B. of Manchester And thother part I do reserve unto my selfe To my eldest sonne Raphe W. one large statute booke out of the said part To my granchild Charles W. sonne unto my afore named sonne Raphe W. my great Bible To my sonne in law John Brownsword my booke caled Mr Tindall workes To my doughter Cycley Brownsword my ffornace of brasse

[1] Proved 8th May, 1641. The testator married Elizabeth, daughter of Ralph Gee of Manchester, by whom he had an eldest son, Ralph Worsley of Platt in Withington. He married to his first wife Isabel, daughter and heiress of Edward Massey of Manchester gent., by whom he was father of Charles Worsley, a major-general in Cromwell's army. — *Harl. MSS.* 2110, fo. 32.

All the rest of my part of goods to bee equally devided among my tow sonnes Raphe W. and Edward W. and my tow doughters Alice Boulton and Cycley Brownsword I appoint my welbeloved sonne Raphe W. of Platt within Rusholme and my lovinge sonne in law John Brownsword of Manchester [my] executors Signed &c. in the presence of us Lawrence Owin James Backhouse.

THE WILL OF ANNE GREENHALGH, WIDOW.[1]

IN Dei nõie Amen 16 January 1566 [1566-7] I Anne Grenehalghe widow &c. my body to be buried in the pishe churche of Burye To Thomas Grenehalghe my sonne ij oxen ij stagge ij steres iiij kyne and a bull one stagge of iiij^or^ yeres ould all stuffe belonginge unto the kechin and viij shepe ov and besyde xx^ty^ shepe wch he ought to have by his ffathers will To Elizabethe Bradshaw the wyffe of John Bradshaw and her children xx^tie^ poundᵉ To Laurence Banister and Eliz. Banister his sister xv poundᵉ To John Bradshaw my sonne in law a bay stagge of ij yeres ould To iij children of George Sellers wch I am grandmother unto vj^li^ xiij^s^ iiij^d^ To John Grenehalghe and his wyffe the best bed in the chamb̃ above the hall and all thingᵉ belonginge unto it a silv salte wth a

[1] Proved 4th February, 1566-7. The testatrix was daughter of Robert Langley Esq. of Agecroft, by Eleanor, daughter of William Radclyffe Esq. of Ordsall (see p. 16 ante, *Note*) and married John Greenhalgh Esq. of Brandlesome. She left issue Thomas, her son and heir, and three daughters, Alice, Elizabeth wife of John Bradshaw Esq. of Bradshaw, and Anne, who married George Seller. Her descendant, John Greenhalgh Esq. of Brandlesome, was Governor of the Isle of Man under James Earl of Derby from 1640 to 1651, in which year he died of his wounds, after having been present at the battles of Wigan Lane and Worcester. — See *Assheton's Journal*, pp. 5, 6, and *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part i. p. 29.

cov̄ double gilte a chalice wth a patten and all thinge belonginge unto the chappell [which] shalbe lefte after ther deceasses at Braundilsome as heire lomes I geve ffraunce Holte xl^s^ To Nicholas Banister ij twint̄ sturcs of theyme that lye w^th^out To Nicholas Grenehalghe one twynt̄ heffer of the best To James Scolfield my servaunte ij shepe To Ric. Scholfield an other of [my] s̄vante two shepe To Hughe Whiticar xij^d^ To Hughe Cowope xij^d^ To Sr Hughe Hardman pryste one stone of fyne wolle that lyethe in his chamb̄ To Anne Geste one matteres and one cov̄lette To my foure s̄vaunte mayde ev̄y of theyme ij shepe To Anne Grenehalghe daughter unto my sonne Thom̄s G. xij shepe To my s̄vaunte Thom̄s Johns xx^ty^ shillinge To the children of John Bradshawes wch I am graundmother unto tenn pounde To Bartlemewe Grenehalghe v^s^ To Elys Haworthe v^s^ To Henrie Cowoppe iij^s^ iiij^d^ To Ric. Elyson iij^s^ iiij^d^ To Sr Roḡ Hodgkinson pryst x^s^ To my daughter Ales the best payre of sheete save one payre and the best bourd clothe To Edmund Grenehalghe xij^d^ To Eliz. Bradshaw one standinge chyste in the lower p̄ler To my daughter Anne Seller the chyst that hathe the writinge in standinge in the same p̄lor To the wyffe of John Grenehalghe the chyst that hathe the shete in To Anne Bradshaw the square coffer that I ley my kercheffe in standinge in the same p̄ler To my sonne Thom̄s G. ij great arke in the bake house one basen and one ewer in the butterye To Nicholas Banister iiij^or^ silv̄ spones To John Grenehalghe one silv̄ spone To John Bradshaw one silv̄ spone To George Seller and his wyffe ij silv̄ spones To Elizabethe Bradshaw my daughter ij silv̄ spones To my sonne Thom̄s G. the heire in the kilne To Anne Bradshaw and Elizabeth Banister all the lynen yerne flaxe and tow in the house To my sonne Thom̄s G. my good will of the tyethe of Tottington conditionally that he shall suffer my executors to take the p̄ffitte therof towarde the payment of the rente for the same and p̄formaunce of my will excepte the p^r^vy tiethes wch he shall have to his owne p̄per

use All the rest of my goodꝭ &c. shalbe devyded at the onlie discresions of my execut̃ I make my execut̃ ffrauncꝭ Holte of Gristlehurste and Nicholas Banister of Altam esquiers And I desire Thom̃s G. of Brandelsome esquier my welbeloved sonne Sr Ric. Johns clerke and ꝑson of the ꝑishe churche of Burye and John Bradshaw my sonne in lawe esquier to be my supvisors In witnes &c. in the ꝑsence of Sr Hughe Hardman clerke Elis Haworthe Bartlemew Grenehalghe and Ric. Elyson wth others.

THE WILL OF ROBERT ARDERN.[1]

IN Dei noĩe Amꝑ 22 Oct. 1540 32 Hen. VIII. I Robert Ardern dredyng dethe &c. my body to be buryed in the ꝑische churche wher as hyt shall ffortune me to deꝑt I beqwethe to a wele disposyt pryst sadde and of vertuose cōdycōns xijli to syng masses.....saule iij yeres in the churche were yt shall please God that my body or bones shall lye and the seyde ꝑst shall have xs to fynde hym bredde and wyne and all other thyngꝭ.....ary and the sede pryst one yere of the seyde iij yers shall seye a trentall of Seynt .....ory wyt that at longꝭ yrto and the seyde prist shall begynne the trentall at the next.....aft my deꝑtyng and so foloyng the utas of evy feast and also the sayde pryst shall seye evy Tuysdaye.....se of requiꝑ and dyrge and comēdacon on nyght afor and the seyde pryst shall ꝑay for the [soul]s of my father and my moder and Sr Perys Leght knyght and pryst as he doyth for my saw. ....the seyde pryst to helpe to do devyne ꝑvyce in the churche on holy dayes and evens yf he [be req]uyryt Also I wyll that all suche peple as helpe to bryng me fourthe shall be taken to.....se and have bredde and ale

[1] No date of probate.

by the dyscretyon of my executors Also I wyll that ther be xl.....to sexe score of the poryst howses w^t^in Stokport and Manchast pysches w^t^in xij dayes.....my decesse and thaye and thayr meyny[?] to be requiret to p^a^y for my saule Also I wyll have.....e masse and a dyrge of the qwere were hyt shall fortune me to be buryed at my buryall.....j^th^ surgys to be sett ov^r^ me and othyr lyghte by the dyscretyon of my executors and also I wyll that my executors shall cause that daye and w^t^in viij dayes aft a trentall of masse[s to be] seyde for my saule To the repacon of Stockport churche xl^s^ To our lady ȝvyce x^s^ To seynt Pet^r^ ȝvyce viij^s^ To seynt Antonye ȝvyce.....iiij^d^ To the repacyon of Wynwhyck churche xx^s^ To the byldyng of Chedull churche or steple or repayryng of the same vj^s^ viij^d^ To the.....ryng of Denton chapell vj^s^ viij^d^ To the chapell of seynt Stephen of Alvandley xl^s^ To Norden churche vj^s^ viij^d^ To Dedysbury churche .....j^s^ iiij^d^ To the repacyon of Glossoppe churche vj^s^ viij^d^ To [the] maryage of my eldest dogh^t^r Alyce x^li^ To our lady chapell of Dystele vj^s^ viij^d^ to be sette in the boke of broderhode Also where as I was executor to my m^r^ [1] Syr Perys Leght knyght and prest I take yt opon my charge as I shall answare afor God that I have no mach of goodes of hys gold ner sylvur except as her aft foloys that ys to wyt iij yardes of black fryce aft vij^d^ a yarde x knotte of blew threde ye p^r^ce iiij^d^ viij knotte of whyte threde ye p^r^ce iiij^d^ a nold leysthe[2] a case of leydur to cary a glasse in a gafflyn hedde[3] in money vj^s^ viij^d^ also halfe a pownde and a quarteron of greyse a hert gratter of wode also a leyde mall [? mallet] It ij twytfyn baskytte[4] ye p^r^ce xij^d^ I have hade more then these bot not past the value of xij^d^ thes goodes

[1] Sir Peter Legh of Lyme, created a knight banneret at the siege of Berwick 22 Edward IV., died at Lyme 11th August 1527, having appointed Robert Ardern one of the executors of his will. — See Beamont's *Warrington in* 1465, note, pp. xiii., xiv.

[2] An old lease.

[3] That part of the cross-bow which was used in bending it. — Halliwell *in voce.*

[4] Baskets made of wicker-work?

Mayst^{r} Perys Leght of Bradley oghe to have bot he doyth oghe me for more then thys To Annes the wyffe of Rauffe Robynson in Denton xx^{s} To Annes Lauder of Alderley xiij^{s} iiij^{d} To Merget Byrchall the dogh^{r} of Uyrn Byrchall dwellyng in Assheton in Wynwhyck poche in Lancashyre xiij^{s} iiij^{d} I wyll that all suche that be owyng money to me whyche the names be in a bylle [hav]yng thyt merk P be pardnut as myche as the seyde merke shall stande a nendę and not.....es To the makyng or upholdyng of Penkefurthe brygge vj^{s} viij^{d} It to the makyng of Frodsam brygge vj^{s} viij^{d} Also I wyll that one be hyryt to go for me.....seynt Truyons in Scotlande and offer [for] me a bende placke whyche ys in my purse Also I wyll that one go on pylg^{r}mache for me w^{t} a bend crossyt grote and a mette of wax w^{t} v lytyll schys brēnyng at evnsonge over nyght and at matens and masse on the other daye to oure Lady of Walsynghm To Robert Ardern my neyvew my tawne saten boublet [doublet] I wyll that my executors shall paye any thyng that canne be provyt that I oghe and make a mendes to any mā that I have hurte that can be provyt be ryght To Thomas Handley my black gowne My other apparell for my bodye shall be delt emonge my tenntes in Stockport pych..... to Hughe Geffronson in Weryngton pysche I gyffe my borde clothe of twylle the one halfe to Denton chapell to be auter clothe and the other halfe to the chapell of seynt Stephyn of Alvandley To my neyvew Rychart Hollonde thre of my best sylvur spones and to my cosyn John Ardernne two sylvur spones and my best cofur To my dōht^{r} Alyce my omber beydes The rest that shall lefe over my wyll fulfyllyt shall be put in a cofur in a sure kepyng by my executors at the oversyght of my supvysurs and they to kepe the keye and so to delyvur yt at the tymes necessary for my dogh^{r} Alys proffet and yff yt fortune her to decesse afor she have receyvyt thes goodes then myn executors w^{t} the over syght of my supvysors shall dyspose hyt in almes dedes for my sawle and my fryndes saules To Alyce my dogh^{r} my bedde And

I make Rychart Hollande of Denton esquyer John Ardern of Ardeyne esquyer and Thomas Davēport of Dysley chaplyn my executors and I wyll that yechon of theym shall have x^{s} for theyr payne over and besyde theyre costes To Sr Roger Warde x^{s} to p^{a}y for me and to be a caller on that thys my wyll be fulfyllyt.

THE WILL OF CAPTAIN RALPH STANDISH.[1]

IN the name &c. 21 December 1637 I Captaine Raphe Standish yonger sonne of Alexander Standish late of Duxburie in the countie of Lancaster Esqr deceased &c. And my bodie I comitt to the earth from whence it came to bee buried in Christian buriall And for my goods and p̣sonall estate I bequeath the same as herein is declared that is to say To my brother Thomas Standish xx^{s} and to every one of his children except Ratcliffe xx^{s} My sister Joan and every one of her children xx^{s} My sister Alice xx^{s} her daughter Anne Asshton v^{li} her three children had by her second adventure to every one of them v^{li} My brother Gelibrand x^{s} Hamblett Ashton x^{s} My brother Banaster x^{s} My brother Alexander xx^{s} Alexander his wiffe x^{s} his daughter Joan xx^{s} My ant Elline v^{li} Sr Raphe Asheton xx^{s} My uncle Ratcliffe Ashton xx^{s} The poore of Anlesaugh Heapey Whitle Chorley and Duxbury vizt to every townshipp xx^{s} My nursmam Jane Croston desireing her to wynd mee xl^{s} My cosin Henry Ogell xx^{s} My cozen Thomas Sergeant th'elder xx^{s} My cosin Katherin Sergeant x^{s} To William Leigh batchlor of divinitie xl^{s} My cosen Thomas Longworth xx^{s} My cosen Margrett Crosse xx^{s} My cosen Jane Asheton x^{s} John Jameson x^{s} I bequeath after my debt^{e} &c. are paied all the residue of my said good^{e} &c. unto Ratcliffe Standish daughter unto Thomas Standish to bee putt forth for

[1] Proved February 11th, 1637 [1637-8].

her use by my executors untill shee come unto yeares of discretion And I desire that my brother Standish shall have nothing to doe with it And I doe hereby constitute &c. my brother Alexander S. and Edward ffarneworthe of Duxbury bestoweing of them tenn pounde apece for their paines executors of this my last will not doubting but they will trulie execute the same according to my desire and trust in them reposed And now to God bee praise for ever and ever amen Memorand that theis goode hereafter menconed were given by Captaine Raphe Standish in his lyffe tyme by word of mouth vizt To my Lord Strange one case of pistolls and a dragoone To his sister Banaster one beaver hatt one fur'd coate one cadowe and a seller of botles To his nephew Richard Clayton one case of pistolls three muskete a targett a leading staffe powder bagg and two other litle peeces To his brother Alexander his sword To Edward ffarneworth a litle ffilde bed To Tho. Crompton his boy in money vli and some of his cloathes at the discretion of his executors To Wm Nickson one demicastor hatt and some other old cloathes at my execrs discretion One old Testamt to his sister Banaster and the rest of his bookes to any of his frende that desired one at ye discretion of his execrs Sealed &c. in presence of Richard Haydocke Edward Wyke &c.

THE WILL OF ELIZABETH WIDOW OF JOHN ORRELL OF TURTON ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. 23 January 1606 [1606-7] I Elizabeth Orrell late wiffe of John Orrell late of Turton in the countie of Lan-

[1] Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas Butler of Rawcliffe Esq., by Isabel, daughter and coheiress of John Clayton of Clayton. Her grandson, Wm. Orrell Esq., sold the Turton estate in 1628 to Humfrey Chetham, the founder, for £4,000.

caster esquyre deceased being &c. my bodie to be buryed in Clayton chappell w^th^in Leyland church or otherwise at the discrecion of my sonne ffrancis Orrell And as touchinge the disposicõn of my goodes my will is that they shalbe equally distributed amoungest my sonne ffrancis Orrell his children To my sonne Richard Orrell one litle whyte silver salte wth a cover and one dozen of silver spoones wth the maden heade ingraved upon everie of theim Unto Richard O. sonne of my sonne ffrancis O. a greate silver salte wth the cover beinge dooble guilte and one dozen of silver spoones comonly called the twelve appostles Unto my doughter Susan nowe wiffe of Thomas Ryley of the Greene one silver tune and the third ꝑte of all my lynnen beinge equally divided into three ꝑtes Unto Sara Orrell doughter of my saide sonne ffrancis O. all the residue of my plate and one other third ꝑte of my lynnen and the other third ꝑte to Anne O. wiffe of the saide ffrancis O. Also my will is that one fetherbed one caddowe two coverlettꝭ one brasse pott and one blanckett shalbe excepted to be bestowed by worde of mouthe as hereafter I shall thincke good and my apparell of my bodie To everie one of my household ꝯvntꝭ three shillinges [and] foure pence Moreover be it knowne to all men that whereas formerly there hath bene conveyancꝭ made betwene me the said Elizabeth O. ffrancis O. and Richard O. on the one ꝑtie and Wiłłm Orrell of Turton esquyre on the other ꝑtie bearing date 15 Feby 30 Eliz. amongest other thinges it was agreed that I might convey the yerelie sõme of sixe poundes duringe the lyffe naturall of some ꝑson to be noïated in my lyff tyme the saide añuall some to be yssuinge forth of my landes in Clayton nowe knowe you that my will is that all the same sõme of sixe poundes yerelie shalbe to all intentꝭ and purposes unto ffrancis O. younger sonne of ffrancis O. of ffarrington for his lyffe naturall Also I make Richard O. and ffrancis O. sonnes of the saide ffrancis O. my saide sonne my executors And I desire my sonne in lawe John Wrightinton to be supvysor of this

my laste will And for his paynes I doe gyve him a silver cupp pcell guilte Thes beinge wytnesses Roger Langton Thomas Ryley Peter Werden Thomas Ryley Ric̄ Charnocke junior.

The inventory of all the goodes and chattalls wch were late belonginge to Elizabeth O. widowe decessed taken the xxv^th^ daie of Januarie Anno Regni Regis Jacobi &c. quinto Inprimis one silver salt double guilt wth a cover v^li^ — one dozen of great silver spoones vj^li^ — one other whyte silver salt and a dozen of spoones iiij^li^ x^s^ — one silver tunne xxxiij^s^ iiij^d^ — one silver cuppe xx^s^ — twoe other silver cuppes guilt v^li^ — twoe silver bowles v^li^ — sixe silver spoones xxxiij^s^ iiij^d^ — for lynnens for her body xxvj^s^ viij^d^ — thirty fyve payre of sheetes jx^li^ — in lynnens for the table iij^li^ xiij^s^ iiij^d^ — twoe cupboardes twoe chistes and one folden board xl^s^ — her apparrell x^li^ — one bedd wth the furniture v^li^ — in stooles quishions and cheares xx^s^ — in gould and silver lvj^li^.

THE WILL OF RICHARD BEXWYCKE, CHAPLAIN.[1]

IN Dei noïe Amen Anno D̄m̄ M̄c̄c̄c̄c̄ xxxiiij^th^ quarta decimo die mensis Septembris Ego Ricard⁹ Bexwycke capellan⁹ compos mentis sane memorie eger tamē corpore condo meū ultimū testamentū in modū et formā sequentes fyrst I beqweith my sole to Almyghtie God my maker and redem̄ to onre blessed ladye hys mother the v̄gen sencte Marie and unto all the holy cōpany of heven Also my bodye and bones to be buryed in pystch church of Meddylton I gyve to y^e^

[1] No date of probate. In the painted window in Middleton Church, commemorating the battle of Flodden, are the "vera effigies" and name of Richard Bexwick, who was, very probably, a relative of the testator. — See Corser's James' *Iter Lancastrense*.

most necessarie werkes of the sayd church of Middelton xx^{s} To Sir Thomas Mawdysley[1] Sir Omfray Crompton Sir James Hopwod[2] Sir Robert Cocke unto ev̄y on of theym xvj^{d} to say dirige [and] masse and to praye for my sowle Unto Thomas Lee ye clerke[3] to rynge and pray for my sowle.....Unto iiij alewyffes that is to say ye wyffe of Oliver Unnesworth ye wyff of Wiłłm Talior ye wyff of Robert Fytton ye wyff of Robert Jakes unto ev̄y on of theym xij^{d} to forgyff me where ev̄ I have offended theym Unto xij poore scholers xij^{d} or more att ye disposition of my executors Also I gyff &c. x^{s} unto Sir Roger Ireland to say a trentall of masses at Middelton for my sowle And yf he cannot have licence from hys ꝑvys [service] to say it there I wyll that it be putt to another poore prest that is out of ꝑves at ye dysposition of my mayster and my executors as they thinke most expedient to say it at Middelton aforesayd Unto Thomas Wylde my jaket of cloth Unto Anne ye wyff of Thomas Wylde ij^{s} viij^{d} eyther in money or other thynges worth the same money Unto Mayst^{r} Rauff Assheton Mayst^{r} Edmunde Hopwod John Harper John Cowope the whych be my suretyes unto ev̄y on of theym vj^{s} viij^{d} I make my executors Roger Bexwicke my father John Cowope my brother in law Edward Bexwike and Rauff Bexwike my brethren to fulfyll thys my last wyll unto the pleasure of God and helth of my sowle and to dyspose and order ye residue of all my gud moveable and unmoveable after my whyddes and dettę payd yf there any remene unto the ꝑvation of my sowle as they thinke most necessarye Also I hertely dyssyre my mayst^{r} Ryc̄ Assheton esquier and Mayst^{r} Ryc̄ hys sone and heyre to be my supervisors &c. Given the yere and day above rehersed.

Among the debts due to the testator is the following "iiij markę

[1] Sir Thomas Mawdysley was probably curate of Middleton, as from the 28th May 1549 he enters the baptisms in the Register Book to 30th April, 1551.

[2] "Sir James Hopwood buryed 24th Sept. 2 R. Marie." — *Register Book.*

[3] The Leighs were parish clerks of Middleton for at least a century after this date.

in the hande of John Cowope toward ye contentation of my pension payeable at ye fest of All Halowys."

THE WILL OF ISABEL HOLLAND OF SALFORD, WIDOW.[1]

IN the name &c. 13 Maye 1598 I Isabell Holland of Salford in the county of Lancastr widdowe beinge &c. my bodye to be buried in the pishe churche of Manchestr neare weare my late husband Georg̃ Holland and other my auncestors and ffrinde weare buried To my suster Margret Tetlowe widowe the yearlie rente of fforttie shillinge duringe the tearme of twelve yeares next ensuinge the daie of my decease yf the said Margrete T. so longe doe lyve to be yearlie issuinge out of my moytie of the messuage or tenẽte in the Newhalle wch I hould under Mr ffowler I doe devise &c. all my saide moitye of the saide messuage or tenem̃t and lande thereunto belonginge togeathr wth all my corne and grayne nowe thereuppon springinge and growinge and all other comodyties &c. except the saide yearlie rente of ffortie shillinge to my two children John H. and Anne H. equallie to be devided betwixt them for one whole yeare next after my deceasse And after the said yeare ended I doe give &c. the revc̃on of the yeres wch I have in the said moitye &c. to my eldest sonne Othes H. (except the saide yearlie rent of ffortty shillinge) I geve &c. the lease wch I have of two messuages &c. in Salford to my sonne Robert H. towarde his better mayntenaunce in learninge To the saide Anne H. my doughtr one lease wch I hould of Thomas Shawe gent. of one pcell of land beinge in Salford Unto my doughters Isabell Chetam and Anne H. all my apparell for my bodie and all my jewells to be equallie devided betwixt

[1] Proved June 23, 1598.

them To ffoure children of my sonne James Chetam[1] to witt Edward George Henrye and Isabell Chetame twenty pounde equallie to be devided amongst them To my cousine Rauffe Byrom[2] gent. my best peese of silver plate To my cousine Thoms Byrom the seacond or best peese of silver plate next in goodnes to the former To my god doughter Susan Byrom dought^r of the said Thomas B. one cowe Unto my said sonne James Chetame one sylver pott gilte w^th^out cover To my suster Elizabeth Prowdlowe one spurriall To my cousine Jane Byrom wiff of the foresaid Rauffe one duble duckett in gold To my dought^r in lawe Katherine Holland one stone pott wth a silver cover and garnished wth silver To my sayd sonne Robte H. my best standinge bedd one fether bedd one bolster one mattrys two pillowes two pillowe beares two blanckette two paire of fflaxen sheete and a coveringe To Margerie Shughsmythe my svaunte xx^s^ To my svaunte Ellyne Sym xx^s^ To my svaunte John Scothill vj^s^ viij^d^ To my servaunte Henry Shughsmythe alias Hoult vj^s^ viij^d^ I geve my svant Isabell Dowson vj^s^ viij^d^ Unto Elizabeth Adlinton tenn shillinge All the rest of my goode &c. I geve to my two children John H. and Ann H. equallie to be devided betwixt them Yt is my will that my sonne in lawe James Chetame shall have the tuicon of my saide sonne John H. and goverment of his goode untill he shall come to the age of twenty and one yeares And I doe referr the order of my funerall to be done by the discretion of my executo^rs^ hereafter named And I doe constitute &c. executo^rs^ of this my last will my welbelovide children Robert H. and Anne H. And I desire my welbelovide sonne Othes H. my sonne in lawe James Chetame my lovinge cosins Rauffe Byrom and Thomas Byrom to be overseers &c. In wytnes &c. in the psence of thees psons &c. Robert Leigh Edward Briddocke his mark Robert Leighe the yonger Isabell Holland.

[1] James Chetham of Crumpsall gent., eldest brother of Humphrey Chetham the Founder.

[2] See the Pedigree of Byrom of Salford (*Byrom's Remains*, vol. ii. part ii.), where all these Byroms occur.

THE WILL OF THOMAS GRENE OF MANCHESTER, YEOMAN.[1]

IN the name &c. The yere of our Lord God MCCCCCLVJ° that ys to say the vj^th day of August I Thomas Grene of the towne of Manchest^r wythyn the countye of Lancast^r yoman sycke in body &c. my body to chrysten buryall w^tin ye pych church of Manchest^r To ye reparation of ye sayd church of M. vj^s viij^d Also I wyll y^t at such tyme as it shall please God to call me frome thys p̄sent lyff that afore ye tyme y^t my body be sepilrate or buryed that my executors shall caus masse and dirige to be songen in ye qwere of Manchestr w^t ye company there to pray for my sawll and all chrystian saule accordyng to the laudable custome of ye qwere Also I wyll y^t there shalbe oñ trentall of masse sayd after my decesse to pray for my saule and all chrystyā saule I wyll Sr Edmūd Rydynge have x^s and he to say ye sayd trentall I wyll that Genet Bayley have all that money y^t ys oghyng to me of Rodger Kenyan of Grenley whych ys ye sum̄e of xij^li xiij^s vj^d whych ys unpayd of ye sum̄e of xix^li and xij^d to be for her pt Also hyt ys my wyll y^t Merget my doghter haue ye hawse y^t I now dwell in w^t all com̄odytys y^reto belongyng as orchard gardyn and a medow to her and to her heres for ev̄ w^t on caw gate in ye Banke duryng her lyff and yf the sayd Merget decesse w^tote heyre of her body lawfully begotyn then ye afore sayd howse &c. to remayne to Alys my dogh̄t for ev̄ To Alys my dogh̄t a certyn hawse now in ye holdyng of on John Bradshaw to have &c. to her and to her heres for ev̄ reservyd y^t my dogh̄t Merget shall have on kaw gate duryng her lyff in ye same tenemēt and for defaut of yssue to Alys my dogh̄t hyt ys my wyll y^t ye aforesayd howse &c. do remayne to Merget my dogh̄t and to ye heres of hyr body for ev̄ I

[1] Proved 2nd November 1556.

make Henry Barker and Jamys Wylde my executors &c. thes beyng wytnes Sr Hugh Ormysha my gostly father Mylys Gylforth Ryc̃ Marshall Phylyp Bery.

Attached to the will is the following "the sayd iiij wytnesses named in this testament acknowledged before me the xx daye of Octobre that this sayd testament is the trewe wyll of the sayd Thomas Grene in wytnes whereof I haue subscrybed my name

George Colyer, Wardeyne."

It is evident from the inventory that the testator followed the business of a tanner.

THE WILL OF ISABEL TYPPINGE OF MANCHESTER, WIDOW.[1]

IN the &c. 1 December 1598 I Isabell Typpinge of Manchester wyddowe beinge somewhat sick in boddy but of good &c. My boddy to be buryed in the pishe churche of Manchester or where yt shall please God to dispose yt I gyve unto my sonne George Typpinge a hundrethe and ffyftye powndes and unto his doughter Mary T. a hundrethe and ffiftie powndes And yt is my will that my said sonne George T. shall haue the use &c. of the said hundrethe and ffiftie powndes bequeathed before unto his doughter Mary for the better proffett and commoditie of his said doughter untill suche time as shee shall bee of xxj yeares of age gyvinge unto my executor sufficient discharge in lawe for the same Unto Anne Rillston wieffe of Thomas Rillston of London grocer my eldest doughter now lyvinge a hundreth and ffiftye powndes and unto her sonne Thomas

[1] The testatrix was the widow of Richard Tipping of Manchester gent. (buried there 10 Oct. 1592) ancestor of the Tippings of Manchester and Cheetham Hill and afterwards of Davenport Hall co. Cest. See Burke's *Landed Gentry*.

and unto her doughter Parnell a hundrethe and ffiftie poundes equallie to be devyded betwixt theim And yt ys my will that my sonne in lawe Thomas Rillston shall haue the use &c. [as before] Unto my doughter Cycely wief of Oswould Mosley[1] of Man: draper a hundrethe and ffiftie powndes and unto her ffyve sonnes Oswould Edward Rowland Samuell and ffrancis every of theim twenty poundes and unto her doughter Margett ffyftie powndes And yt ys my will that my sonne in lawe Oswould Mosley shall have the use &c. [as before] Unto Dorothy ffox[2] wieff of John ffox de Rodes in Pilkington yoman my yongest doughter now lyvinge a hundrethe and ffyftie powndes and unto her sonne William ffyftie powndes and unto her doughter Ann a hundrethe powndes [This money to remain in the hands of the exor till they were of age] Unto my sonne in lawe Oswould Moseley a spurr ryall To my sonne in lawe John ffox a spurr ryall and unto my sonne in lawe Thomas Rillston a spurr ryall To my cosin Thomas Brownesword a spurr ryall and unto his sister Isabell Brownesword a spurr ryall Unto Mr Cogan[3] tenn shillinge and unto his wieffe tenn shillinge in gould Unto Mrs ffox de Rodes tenn shillinge and unto Isabell Willatt tenn shillinge To Edward Tyckhill tenn shillinge and unto my neighboure Joane Gee wydow tenn shillinge and my best hatt Unto my servant Alyce Gee ffyve poundes and unto my servant Margrett Newton tenn shillinge Unto the poore ffolckes twenty powndes to be bestowed at the discretion of my executor Unto my doughter in lawe Mary Typpinge my best peece of plate and my best gloves Unto

[1] Oswald Mosley of Garratt Hall Manchester, married at the Collegiate Church 10 June 1589, Cicely Tipping, and was buried there 5 January 1621-2.

[2] She was buried at the Collegiate Church 10th August, 1600.

[3] Thomas Cogan, B.A. 1562, M.A. 1566, M.B. 1574, was elected Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford in 1563. He resigned his Fellowship in 1575, on being appointed High Master of Manchester Grammar School. — See *History of the Foundations in Manchester*, vol. iii. p. 103. 1607, June 10, "Thomas Cogan, Master of Artes and late high Scolmaster." — *Register of Burials, Collegiate Church, Manchester.*

my doughter Anne Rillston a sylver goblett To my doughter Cycely Mosley halfe a dossen of sylver spoones and unto my doughter Dorothy ffox halfe a dossen of sylver spoones. The rest of my goodę I gyve them all after my ffunerall discharged unto Samuell T. my yongest sonne And I make Samuell T. my said yongest sonne my sole executor &c. And I make my sonne George T. and my three sonnes in lawe Oswald Mosley John ffoxe and Thomas Rillston to be overseers &c.

From the inventory it appears that the testatrix was in trade.

THE WILL OF JOHN HEWETT, PREBENDARY OF CHESTER.[1]

IN the name of God amen 30 October a thowsand fyve hūdryth fowrty and [*sic*] I John Hewett p̄bendary of the chathedrall church of Cryst and ou^r^ Lady of Chest^r^ gud of remembrance &c. my body to [be] buryede in the north syde of the qiuer w^t^yn the yle I gyve to John Both esqwyer my bedd stockę w^t^ the test^r^ and hengyngę of . . . . . To Thomas Graven esqwyer my klokke To Mast^r^ Chan^c^chler a byrrall glasse w^t^ a cov To Hugh Powell p̄son of Ecculston my grey amyse and a surplyse and an elne kalyko cloth To the ij clerkę of the chathedrall church vj^s^ viij^d^ a pece To Ric̄ Spenc̄ and to Elyzabz his dogt^r^ vj^s^ viij^d^ a pece To Sr William Bayne the advowson of Estam w^t^ my hatt and my velvett bagg To Mr Doctor Wall[2] my beste jackedd and my best dowblett I gyve

[1] John Hewett, admitted Prebendary of Chester 4th August, 1541. There is no date of probate of his will, but his successor, John Gibbes, was presented in 1544.

[2] Dr. William Wall, Prebendary of Chester, admitted 1st August, 1541, and died in 1574.

Mr Buxy[1] my russett wolstye frokk To Sr Randyll Cottgreve a surplyse a cheamlett dowblett and Joseffus de Antiqtatibꝫ tempū To Sr John Jeynson my best gowne and ij pte of Antonyne To Sr Hugh Burneby my wyntr cope To Sr John Meyr a cheamlett jackett a surplyse and a gowne To Sr Jamys Jhonson a russett ulstyd jacked and a dowblett of ye same To Sr Ric̃ Cawdey a russell ulstyd jacked furryd wt a typped To Sr Thomas Wermyjame my furryd gowne and sum boke To Hugh of the Hey vjs viijd It I gyve betwixt Margere Bryne and John Anyon iij lode of hey To Margere Bryne a maser bownd wt sylv my best covyng my new cuppurd wt all the pewtr vessell standyng ther ov my gret fowyldyng bord wt the covyng therof half dos napkyns ij pelo berys ij payer of shete halfe dos spones and my takk which is joyntly betwixt me and Ric̃ Spenc̃ duryng sixtene yere I gyve to Margere Bryne and to John Anyon all my woodd and cole To the seyd John my second covyng and half dosyn cussions To Margere Cawdy a covlyd a payre of shete and xiijs iiijd To Cycele Lyon a covlyd a payer of shete and xs To Elyn Parr a covlyd a payer of shete and xs To Besse Wharryer vjs viijd To Ames of the kychyon a covlyd and iijs iiijd To Ric. Hewett dwellyng wt Edmund Dymok xxs To Alis Hewett wedow an owld gowne a payer of hose and iijs iiijd To Margere Hewett vjs viijd To Thomas Thornley my bowe and xxs To Thomas Wrygt my second cowntr burd wt the cov and vjs viijd To Robert ap William vjs viijd To Thomas Smyth drap my lytill fedl bedd To evy chyld of Margere Litill dwellyng in Walisey vjs viijd a pece To evy chyld of Elyzabeth Litill dwellyng at Melso Grange vjs viijd a pece To evy chyld of John Litill decessed vjs viijd a pece To Nanny Dymoke my sprusse coffr To Mastres Tatton my gowld ryng The resydewe of all my gudde &c. I will that hit be dysposyd for my sole helth by my executors as God will gyve them

[1] Nicholas Bucksie M.A., admitted Prebendary 4th August, 1541, died in 1566.—Ormerod, vol. i. pp. 222, 223.

grace whom I name Thomas Gravener esqwer John Both esqwr and Hugh Powell ꝑson of Ecculston ovꝑsyer Mast^r George Wylmyslow cheanchler Witness beyng ꝑsent Llewys Williams Hugh Thomas Raffe Reve Thomas Ryggmaydyn Hugh of the Hey Sr John Jeynson petty canon and Rob. Yeok w^t others ꝑ me John Hewet ꝑbend Chest.

THE WILL OF RICHARD GROSVENOR OF DODDLESTON, ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. 24 Nov. 22 Eliz. I Richard Gravenor of Doddleston in the countie of Chester beinge in reasonable healthe &c. My bodye to be buryede in chrystian buryall in suche ꝑishe churche as it shall fortune me to fynishe this my trancetorye lyffe My will is that ymediatlye after my decesse my bodye be conveyed to the sepultre w^thowte anye maner of worldlye prodygaletie and that at the daye of my buryall the some . . . . . pound^e be gyven to the porest sorte that shall vysett my buryall in two peny dole I geve to the churche wardens of the churche where I shall chaunce to be buryede toward^e the mayntenance of the churche work^e sixe shilling^e eighte pence Wher I heretofore have graunted unto Sr Uryan Brearton knyghte John Wynne of the towne gent. and others all that my messuage wth all landes &c. in Bisire in the lordeshippe of Molesdale and countie of Flynte wch I latelye boughte of my brother in lawe Thomas Leighe of Adlington esquyre decessed upon specyall truste that they should ymediatlye after my deceasse

[1] Proved 24 February, 1579 [1579-80], by Thomas Egerton gent. Richard Grosvenor of Doddleston, second son of Richard Grosvenor of Eaton Esq. by Katherine third daughter and coheir of Richard Cotton of Rudware, married Katherine daughter of Sir Piers Dutton of Hatton Knt. and widow of Sir Roger Puleston, by whom he had no issue. He was Sheriff of Flintshire 6 Edw. VI. — Ormerod, vol ii. p. 454.

I havinge no wyffe at the tyme of my death stande and be seased of the said messuage and landꝭ to their awne use untill suche tyme as they have levyed of the issues and ꝑfyttꝭ therof the some of fyftie poundꝭ to suche use as I the said Richard G. in my lyffe tyme by my wrytinge under my hande and seale or by my last will shall appoynte and assygne I therfore by this my said will lymett and appoynte that twentie poundꝭ ꝑcell of the said ffyftie poundꝭ be geven to the handꝭ of myne executor w^th^in one quarter of yere after my decesse and that myne executor havinge receyved the said xx^li^ shall gyve unto Richard Gravenor[1] sone and heyre of Thomas G. late of Eaton esquyre decessed when he shall be of the age of one and twentye yeres not onlie the said twentie poundꝭ but also fortye poundꝭ more towarde the suynge furthe of his lyverey And if he chaunce to dye before he come to his full age then myne executor shall gyve the said threescore poundꝭ to his yonger brother Thomas G. when he shall accomplishe the age of twenty and one yeres And if they bothe dye then myne executor shall bestowe the said threescore poundꝭ equallie amongest the doughters of the said Thomas G. the father Unto the said Richard G. when he shall come to his full age one sylver bowle ꝑcell gylte havinge in it engraven this worde Aprill and one other bowle over gylte to dryncke wyne in having in it lyke hooles and punches to geyther wth my best fetherbedd my best bolster and pyllowe the best payre of blankettꝭ and my best covering the intrest that I have in the howse wherin I inhabytt and the interest I have in the lordeshippe of Dodleston by lease if I dye before the yeres expyre And if he dye then his brother Thomas to have it at lyke tyme To my nevew Richard Gravenor fortye sh . . . . . To my brother John my best

[1] Richard Grosvenor of Eaton Esq., great nephew of the testator, was born in 1562, and dying 18 Sep. 1619, left issue Richard his successor, created a Baronet 23 Feb. 1621-2, the direct ancestor of the present Marquis of Westminster and his brothers the Earl of Wilton and Baron Ebury. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 454.

gowne and twentye shillinge for a remembrance To my nevew George Ravenscrofte sixe sylver spoones my gowne wth the tuche boxe and a plate cote To my nevewe Roger Puleston of Emrall the lease wth the interest therin w^che^ I have of Mr. Tatton of the lande in Flynteshyre called the Lorde Aldeforde lande prayeinge him to be good and not to hurte the tenante and occupyers therof and to have care that the leasse be not lost for lacke of payment of the rent To the said Roger my seconde best coveringe and to his wiffe a payre of flaxen sheete of three breade To my cosen Elizabethe Maysterson twentie shillinge To my trustie frend John Wynne of the towne gent. xx^s^ for a remembraunce To Ithell Wynne in Molesdale xx^s^ for a remembrance To Robert Yemonde one of my best cotes of clothe one payre of canvesse sheete and xx^s^ To Williā Hurleston one of my clothe cotes and one payre of canvesse sheete and x^s^ To Richard Evans one dublett one payre of hose and x^s^ To the late wyffe of John Davye being wydowe one payre of canvesse sheete and v^s^ To olde Harryson one dublett one payre of hose and v^s^ To my frende Richard ffenowe my best yron bounde carte my best plowe and harrowe wth pynnes To Robert Hudson twentye poundе to be paid w^th^in one monthe after my deathe my best geldinge but one that I shall chaunce to have at the tyme of my decesse one fether bedd one flocke bedd wth two coverlette nowe beinge upon his bedd fowre of my best shyrte and my best cloke To Robert Bretter fyve poundе my seconde cloke fowre of my shyrte wth my best payre of bowtes To Margrett Webster my late servante xx^s^ To Ewen my servante xl^s^ and one heffer To Jane Dymocke my servante xl^s^ To Izabell Stevenson one blacke clothe gowne wch was my wyves seldom or never worne frynged wth frynge lace To Elizabethe Gravenor Amye G. and ffraunce G. my brother Anthonye his daughters the some of ten poundе equallie to be devyded amongest them as soone as they shall accomplishe the age of sixten yeres and if anye of them dye the syrvyvors to have

theire porc̃ons To my s^r^vante Wyggan xx^s^ To my s^r^vante Katheren Bykarstaffe x^s^ To S^r^ Wiłłm Cowley ꝑson of Dodleston the interest and terme wch I have in the tythes of hygher and lower Kynerton apꝑtayning to the rectorye of Dodleston wch I hadd of the graunte of the said S^r^ Wiłłm Cowley upon condyc̃on that he suffer Katheren Glegge wydowe late wyffe to Morgan Glegge decessed to occupye and enioye the tythe corne of hygher and lower Kynerton as the said Morgan in his tyme and the said Katheren synce the deathe of the said Morgan for yeres past have done durynge the lyffe of the said S^r^ Wiłłm Cowley yf the said Katheren so longe lyve and kepe her selffe sole and unmaryed as ꝑsentlye she is [she] payenge yerlie unto him the said S^r^ Wiłłm Cowley in the feaste of All Sanctę suche rente as Morgan in his tyme and she sythens have ben accustomed yerlie to paye to me To my trustye and worshippfull kynnesman Sr Thomas ffytzherbert knyghte one hoope rynge of golde that was my mothers To my sister Dorothie Savill[1] one rynge of gold havinge in it a stone called a lode stone To my sister Rydgeley one hoope rynge that was my sister Elizabethes for a remembrance of my good will All the rest of my goodę I gyve to myne executors desyringe them to leave suche ymplementę as maye well be spared to my said godsone Richard Gravenor to be lefte in the howsse when he shall accomplishe his full age of one and twentye yeres And I make my cosen Thomas Egerton[2] learned in the lawes my sole executor Item wheras Thomas Gravenor decessed standeth bounde to me in severall wrytingę obligatorye my will is that myne executors &c. shall take no advantage agaynst the heyres

[1] She married first Richard Wilbraham of Woodhey Esq., (see *Wills and Inventories*, portion i. p. 85,) and secondly Henry Savile of Barrowby co. Lincoln Esq. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 454.

[2] Thomas Egerton, afterwards Viscount Brackley, Lord Chancellor, ancestor of the Earls and Dukes of Bridgewater. His father Sir Richard Egerton of Ridley Knt. married Mary sister of the testator and widow of Thomas Leigh of Adlington Esq. — Ibid. vol. ii. p. 162.

of the said Thomas for non pformance of anye covenante contayned in wrytinge obligatorye but onlie for not savinge me harmlesse or myne executors for the last will and testament of Sr Thomas G. my brother decessed Present at the sealinge herof Wiłłm Colley clerke Raffe Gravenor Robert Hudsone &c. This last wryten was wryten the xxjxth of January 1579 [1579-80] thes beinge ꝑsent at the acknowledginge herof Raffe Gravenor and Thomas Rigmedon.

THE WILL OF GEORGE TRAFFORD, GENT.[1]

IN the name of God amen the xxx daye of the monthe of Marche MDLXXV I Gorge Trafforde in the countye of Lancaster gent. beinge of whole mynde &c. My bodie to be buriede wher yt shall please God And I bequeth unto the hie alter of Manchester for tythes forgotten xxd And unto the hie alter of Eccles in lykewyse xijd And towarde repation when need ys of the sayde churche xiijs iiijd And towardes the makinge of hye wayes where shalbe thoughte moste need to be made by myne executoures xxs and my will ys that xlli shalbe in custodie of myne executors to the intent that thei shall therwth wythin one yeare after my decease purchasse so much landꝭ as maye be had for the saide sōme and yf thei cannot bestowe the saide xlli in purchasinge of landꝭ then [they] shall take so much landꝭ in fearme as cane be gotten by

[1] Proved Dec. 18, 1572. It will be seen that this will is dated in 1575, it is evident therefore, as this is not the original will, that the copying clerk must have made the mistake. In confirmation of this it may be stated that the Bishop's order or license to Nicholas Daniel, before whom the will was proved, is dated Nov. 19, 1572. The testator was a younger son of Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford Knt., by Elizabeth daughter of Sir Ralph Longford of Longford Knt., and married Ellen daughter and sole heiress of William Roberts of Holbeck co. Lincoln. — *Suffield MSS.*

leasye And yf landꝭ cannot be purchasede nor a layse of landꝭ for l yeares for paiment of the saide xl^li in name of a fine then myne exec̃ shalbestowe the saide monye upon melche kye and thei to be putt forth for the hire or to the halff whether waye shalbe thought most profit and gaines And the increce that shall hereafter groo othere of landꝭ purchaste ferme by lease taken or of kye my executours yearlie shall distrubute unto the most poure and nedie menn that are householders wch be chargede wth childrene to the intente the (yf Godꝭ lawꝭ wyll p̃mitt it) shall daylie praye for my soule And I will that some wel disposede preste be apontted by my exec̃ and my brother person of Wyllmyslow to say masse for my soule yf Godꝭ lawe be consoñnte that yt so may be in that churche wher yt shall please God my bodie to be buriede the space of one halfe yeare after my deceasse and he to have therfore fyve markꝭ or els to be distrubitede to the poore And yf myne exec̃ doe chance to bestowe the som̄e of xl^li a foresaide upon kie then as ofte as anie of the kie doe age and dekaye that then the same kie shalbe solde and as manie yonge kie to be bought be myne executours to the extente that the stocke maye longe continue and the incresse therof to Godꝭ pleasure long to endure And my will is that after the desease of mynn exec̃ that then thei that heraftere shall chance to be wardene or rectoure of the churche of Manchester shall haue the distribution of all such encresse &c. of the saide xl^li and thei yearlie to distrubit the same to such like poor menn in habitinge wythin the parrishes of Manchester Eccles and Prestwiche and I will that such personns as shall herafter travell and distribute unto the poore shalbe recompensede lyke to such peans as the shall take in the distributione as in biinge and sellinge of kie for menteanance and upholdinge of the stoke I bequeth all such choopes [copes] and vestimentes wch I haue that Wyllm Robert my fatherinlawe bought wch weare once the church goodꝭ to be restorede againe for the servise of God unto the church wher yt shall please God my bodie to be buriede yf Godꝭ lawe will

suffer yt Unto the poore mene and womene inhabitinge in the town of Manchester the profittꝭ of all my purchaset landꝭ in the countie of Lyngcolne to be distributed yearlie I gyve &c. condicionallie all my fetherbedꝭ and mattresses all my books and my apparell and all other my beddinge wyth all the bousters pillowes shittes blankettes coverlettes and coveringes or the price therof unto the saide poore people excepte one dublite of tinsell I doe geve &c. to the church of Willmyslowe yf Godꝭ lawe will permite the same to be made for such purpose mitte [meet] and conveniente to serve to henge over the sacramente or the price therof to be dealed to the poore and one other dublite of crimsine satten and one tynsell paned excepte one wch I geve &c. to Katren Langle my god doughter to make her force [?] slevs wth and also excepte a taunie chamlite gowne yf yt be not worne out at the tyme of my deceasse wch I geve &c. unto the saide Katrene to make hire a gaune of and one square of crimsine satine wroughte wth pipes and pearle and also excepte two gownes the one of blake wolstede and another of russet satten wch I gyve &c. unto my ij doughters Margrette and Elsabeth yf thei at the tyme of my desese be then unmarried or els the price to be dealed unto the poore and the ij best fetherbedes of all I geue unto my ij saide doughters wth ij blankettes ij coverlettes and the best coveringe a fetherbed of the worse sorte of viij fetherbedꝭ and ij matrisses of the meane sorte wth ij boulsters and coverlittes of like sortes to the seade bedes belōginge and ij of the beste peare of schittes and also excepte wch I geve &c. condicionallie unto Wiłłm my sonne the forte parte of my brase and pewter vessel I gyve unto Thomas my bastarte sonne my best cofer one crosbowe one rape to the same and one jacke a sallet a peare of splentes a gorgete a peare of slyves of metalle one longe bowe and all my saddles and bridles yf he wilbe governede by my supervisore and vjli xiijs iiijd and the saied sōme to be put into some of his moste next frendꝭ handꝭ which is moste substantialste man in richesse and behavioure wch wilbe bounden

unto the saiede Thomas not onlie to occupie the sead some in a stocke most to the behove and profite of him but also wyth suerties to be bounden wyth him as well to yerlie peay the increce of the said stoke as to redeliver againe to him all the saide some of vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} when he shall come to the age of xviij yeares and yf yt fortune the saide Thomas to decease before he come to the age of xviij years or be possessed of his sead bequestes then I wyll that my ij doughters Mergrete and Elizabeth shall haue condicionallie the said vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} betwixte them yf the be unmaried or els to be dealed to the poore And yf Wiłłm my sonne deceasse before he come to the age of xxj years or be possessed of his bequeste then I will that my saede ij doughters shall haue all the saede bequestes to be devided betwene them yf thei be then unmarried or els to be distributed to the poore And yf the saide Wiłłm my sonne Margrette and Elsabeth my doughters chance all thre to decease before the be possessede and the seaide Thomas my bastarde sonne survive theme all then the seade Thomas shall haue the one halfe of all my goodꝗ before bequethede I will unto such poore people then inhabitinge in the towne of Manchester to thentente they shall better remember to preaye for my soule and yf the seade Thomas die before he be possessede then such poore people as are housholderꝗ in the ꝑache of Manchester [shall] haue all that portione of goodꝗ bequethed unto the seade Thomas And my will ys that Thomas my bastarde sonne when he commeth to the age of x years shalbe bounden prenties to some such honest crafte as he maye best get a livinge by and y^{t} ye same ꝑsone who yt shall chance the saide Thom̄s to be ꝑnties wth shall receue yearlie to the use of ye saide Thom̄s towarde his findinge of the handꝗ of theime wch shall occupie the foresaide stoke of vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} all the whole incresse of ye saide stocke he to bestowe on him so much as shall need and to make a trewe coūpte of the same unto the saide Thom̄s when he com̄eth to the age of xviijth yeares I will that all suche dettꝗ and duties as I owe be peade by myne exec^{rs} and y^{t} ye deliver

a pledge of iij riallę of xv^{s} a pece unto Jhon Bordman of the paroch of Eckull [Eccles] takinge of him y^{r}fore bot xl^{s} and for the trewe declaracōne of all such dettę as I nowe owe ys fortie shillingę to Laurans Bucklaye and no more wch I will to be peade unto him wthoute delaye I bequeth unto Jhon Fletcher of Stretford because he ys a poore mane xiij^{s} iiij^{d} and unto James Breerleey my tenn̄te vj^{s} viij^{d} I will y^{t} all ye residewe of my dettę owinge me my goodę cattell and coyne gould and silver plate and jeuellę be equallie devided betwen my two doughters[1] Margrette and Elsabeth yf thei be then unmariede and yf both or other of them be mariede at my decease then all the bequestę of booth or one mariede to be to ye poore And yf yt chanch that the said Wiłłm my sonne die wthout ysue all my landę shalbe and remayne unto Edmund Trafforde esquiere and his heres accordinge unto cov̄nt betwexte the seaid Edmunde and me I will my funerall be nothinge sumptuous nor vaynglorious but all thingę to be done moste for the welth and p̄fitt of my soule That yf Edmund Trafforde doe not marie my ij doughters wythin ij years after the date of his cov̄nt that then my ij doughters shall haue ther seade bequests or els not but to the poore My will ys y^{t} my sup̄visoure have the custodie and governance of Wiłłm my sonne yf he therunto will agree and yf he will not then to haue no bequestes and I will that my doughters til the chance to come to mariage be governed according to such cov̄ntę as ys exp̄ssed in a payre of indentures betwixte Edmunde Trafforde esquier and me as also thei both to be maried by his advise or els yey to haue no bequestę And I make my trustie brother Henrye Trafforde[2] p̄sone of the church of Willmyslow and my brother Thomas Trafford myne executours I bequeth to everie of theme for thire labore fore markę And I make

[1] In June 1573, Edmund Davenport husband of Margaret, and Hugh Eccles husband of Elizabeth, both daughters of George Trafford gent. deceased, were parties to proceedings in the Consistory Court at Chester against Thomas Trafford gent., executor of the will of the said George Trafford.

[2] See his Will, p. 18, supra.

my trustie nevewe Edmunde Trafforde esquier overseer and he to have fyve markę These wytnesse &c. Sir Thomas Dodsonn clerck Rycharde Aspinall of the townshippe of Prestwyshe Robert Seddone Williame Morton Laurance Buckley Sir Henrie Trafford Sir Roger Hoȝhe Sir Wiłłm Trafford preste.

THE INVENTORY OF LADY BYRON, DECEASSED.[1]

March 16, 1580 [1580-1]. j ffetherbed j boulster and j pyllowe xxx^{s} — ij covarlettę and ij blanckettę xvj^{s} viij^{d} — j countarpoynte of mockadowe viij^{s} — ij cowrsse cobborde clothes iij^{s} iiij^{d} — j graye mantell j^{s} viij^{d} — iij queshenes of vestementę and ij other ould ones viij^{s} — ij payre of fflaxsone shettę and ij pyllowe beares xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — j small pestell and morter j thynne sylver spone and j smalle pewter pece iij^{s} — ij smockę ij pattlettę ij table napkynes ij towelles v^{s} iiij^{d} — iij hodtrenes j mossell j creppyne ould of velvett and j gorgett of taffeta vij^{s} — j gowne of damaske forred throw wth lambe xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — j kyrtell of velvett xiiij^{s} — j fforparte of a kyrtell porpell satten vj^{s} viij^{d} — j fforparte of a kyrtell of wosted and j of mockadowe iij^{s} — j pettycote of brystowe redde ould iij^{s} iiij^{d} — j saddell for a jentelwoman wth a cover of velvett and a brydell ffor the same xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — ij coffares j small and the other bygger vj^{s} viij^{d} — j payre of toungę j^{s} viij^{d} — j spynnynge whele j^{s} x^{d} — j pewter pynte potte vj^{d} Soma jx^{li} vij^{s} iiij^{d}

Endorsed — "The Inventory of the goods of the La. Byron late decessed exhibited into the office March 17, 1580, whereof Lr̃es of Admōn were granted to Sr John Byron, March 1st, 1580" [1580-1.]

[1] Elizabeth daughter of William Costerden (of Ralph Costerden of Blakeley, miller—*Harl. MSS.* 1174, fo. 55) and widow of George Halgh of Halgh co. Lancaster—Edmundson, vol. iv. p. 390. She was buried at the Collegiate Church, Manchester, 25th August, 1580. See also *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 164.

THE WILL OF THOMAS RADCLYFF OF FOXDENTON, ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. 2 October 9 Elizabeth I Thomas Radclyff of Foxdenton in the countye of Lancaster esquire beying of good &c. and my bodye to be buried in the paroche church of Oldn̄ [Oldham] nere unto the place where mye wyffe was buried I bequethe unto Katryn R. my doughter yet beyng unpferred and unmaryed the sum̄e of on hundrethe markes for her full filiall parte of goode To mye base doughter Neoles Radclyffe the sum̄e of on hundrethe markes To my base doughter Alice R. now dwellynge wth Robart Pker ten̄e poundę To my doughter Elyn wyffe of Wiłłm Loggyn ten̄e poundes To Margarethe mye doughter wyffe of Henrye Farnell ten̄e poundę To Elizabethe my doughter wyffe of Christopher Fleecher ten̄e poundes To An my doughter wyffe of John Lukyn ten̄e poundę To John R. mye bastard sonn fyve markes To Margarethe Singgilton my servaunt woman fyve markes To Wyłłm Ogden my servaunte man̄e xxs To Wyłłm Dicsū mye servaunte boye xxs Unto John R. mye younger sonn all [my] goode cattals dettes &c. wyche is wythin Yorkeshyre To Robart Hulme on fetherbed on bolster iij blankettes ij payre of flaxen shetes ..... coverlet of white and greane I gyve &c. all the rest of mye goode heretofore not bequethed pt to mye frendes and pt to the pore howse holders of thys paroche att the discretion of mye executors wythe the advoyce of mye overseers And where I the sayd Thomas have taken bye lease of Mayst person of Pstwyche the moytye of the tythe ptaynyng to Denton[2] barne therfore yt is my wyl that the advantage therof besides the rent and other charges to ye same be-

[1] Proved 27th April, 1568. The testator's post mortem inquisition was held 10 Elizabeth, at which time his son and heir William was forty years of age.

[2] Foxdenton.

longeing done shall be towardes helpyng of mye sayd ij doughtors unmaryed or to either of them for the space of seven yeres..... then to remayne unto the lord of thys my howse of Denton to performe and fulfyll thys mye last wyll or testament I do ordayne &c. mye twreu and leafull executors.. .....Radclyffe mye sonn and Sr Rogger Wriglaye clerke and curate of Oldā and for the..... ys mye last wyll and testament I have as well setto mye hand &c. desirynge my trustye and welbeloved to be supvisers of thys mye sayd last will Wiłłm Mullinys esquire Edward Standishe esquire and Alixander Radclyffe esquire.

Addytions by me the sayed Thomas Radclyffe.

Md that these guiddes and legaysyes heretofore bequethed unto John R. mye sonn to Elyne wyfe of Willyam Loggyn mye daughter Margarethe wyve of Henrye Farnell Elizabeth wyfe of Xtopher Fleecher and Ann wife of John Lukyn shall be in full recompense of there filiall chyldę part Also yt is my wyll that my sayd executors shall occupye all my demayne landę ffor the use of thys mye sayed wyll tyl the feast of Philipp and Jacob next and that Wiłłm R. my eldest sonn shall paye wythin on hole yere next [after my] decesse on hundrethe poundes towardes the use and accomplishement of thys mye [last] wyll or testament.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM BRIDGES, PRIEST.[1]

IN dei noie Amen 10 March 1535 [1535-6] I Willm̄ Bridges priest Maist̄ of Gramer make my Testament &c. my bodye to be buried nyghe unto the quere syde of the holie Appostle Saynte James in the church of All Halowes in Macclesfeld where I say deylie masse Also I wyll that uppon the day of my buryall there

[1] No date of probate.

be thryttie prestꝭ to synge and saye Saynte Gregoriey Trentall the same day (yf so meny can be convenyentlye gotten) for my soule my ffather and mothers soules ffor my Mr Sr John Ꝑsyvale[1] knyghts soule and all cristen soules And especyallye for all those soules that I am and haue ben bownden to prey for I will that all those preistꝭ that can conveenyentlie be gotten to the intent above seid schall synge and say placebo and dirige ov̄ nyght and the comendacōne in the mornyng and ev̄y preist so doynge to haue viijd and ev̄y ꝑson vicare and ꝑysche preiste being of the seid nombre to have xijd besechyng theym all devoutlye to prey for my soule and all the soules above rehersed I wyll that ev̄y scolere resortyng to the Gram̄ Scole in Macclesfeld then that can synge have ijd and ev̄y other of theym to haue jd I wyll that myn executors schall cause to be made fyve torches ev̄y torche to be of the pryce of iijs iiijd in the wurshyppe of the fyve pryncypall woundꝭ of oure Savyoure Jesus Criste redemer of mankynd the wiche fyve torches I will that fyve pore men schall hold and bayre whylest the dirige and masse withe the observ̄ncꝭ schalbe in doynge And ev̄y one of theym so doyng schall have iiijd and a payr of baydꝭ the price jd I will that myn executors cause to be made fyve tapurs ev̄y tapur of a pownde of wexe wiche tapurs I will schall bren contynuallie at placebo dirige and messe ov̄ my bodye unto hitt be buryed And I will that myn executors do compownd for the torches so that aft̄ my bodye be buryed they be distributed as folowethe one to the hie Aulter the second to oure ladyes ault̄ the thrydde to the hoolie rodꝭ ault̄ and the fourthe and fyfte to the ault̄ of the hoolie Appostle Saynt James afor̄ the wich my bodye is buryed I will that myn executors in the thrittie day aft̄ my bodye be buried cause a trentall of masses to be seid and songen for my soule and for all crysten soules yf so many

[1] Sir John Percyvale, sometime Lord Mayor of London, was the first founder of Macclesfield School, which he endowed (by will dated 25 January 1502) with lands then valued at £10 per annum. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 366.

can be convenyentlie gotten And if not that then hitt may be in the next day folowyng fullfylled and accomplestched and that evy preist being and syngyng of the said trentall to have evy of theym vj^{d} and evy pson and vicare being of the same nombre to haue viij^{d} praying theym all of theire charitie devoutlie to prey for my soule and the soules above rehersed withe all cristen soules I will that my executors do cause a fre ston of mason werk to be layde uppon my grave with the ymage of a prest graduate maist of gram made of laten to be sett in the same ston and a chalyce of the same with this text ascendyng from hym ꝑ passione et cruore tua libera me Dñe Jesu Criste I gyff to the hie ault the longest towell that I haue to be ther used at the tyme of Est afore theym that then schall resayve the holie sacrament in forme of bredde To evy one of my godde sonnes vj^{d} And to evy of my godde doughters xij^{d} To evy god chyld son and dought that I have confirmed at the Byschoppe iiij^{d} to prey for my soule and all cristen soules I gyff &c. xl^{s} to make myñ obyte yerlie as longe as the seid xl^{s} wyll last by the discrestoñ of myñ executors yerlie a porcōn of the same to be lymytted To my god dought Mergarett Creswall xl^{s} towardę here maryage To my syster Agnes xl^{s} To Raufe Bradsha my syst son vj^{s} viij^{d} To the wyff of the said Raufe vj^{s} viij^{d} To John Ryle my cownt that standę in my chamber To his wyff Alyce my syst dought v markę the bett sylver gobblett and a maser To John Hall of the Broken Crosse vij^{li} that he doth owe unto me towarde the maryage of his three doughters that is to witt fyve pownd to be devyded amongę theym and xl^{s} to his son Wiłłm Hall to goo forwardę with hym To Elizabeth wyffe of the seid John Hall my kynneswoman x^{s} To Agnes Greves xl^{s} And to Isabell hyr dought vj^{s} viij^{d} To one of the sonnes of Robert Bancrofte of Addeswudde that goeth to the scole x^{s} To his brother Alexander x^{s} To Emme theire syster xx^{s} To Maistres Lyvsage vj^{s} viij^{d} To evy honest householder in the town of Macclesfeld xij^{d} by the dyscrecsōn of myñ executors

Unto Mr Charles Parsons ꝑson of Culmyngton one ꝑte of..... praying hym to pray for my soule Unto Sir Henrie Knyght my gowne lyned with Saynt Thoms wullstedd Unto my cosyn Jone Damport of Wheltroughe my bedde that I now lie in even as hitt stondꝭ and xxs of that her fader oweth unto me and xxs more Unto Raufe Holynzed[1] my scoler vjs viijd Unto Alyce Hall my servnde vjs viijd Unto Cecelie Macclesfeld vjs viijd I will that all suche plate as I schall have at the tyme of my deꝑture from this uncerten lyfe and all other my goodꝭ and cattallꝭ what so ev they be not bequethed to be sold by myn executors for the true ꝑformaunce of this my last will The resydue of my goodes and cattallꝭ I will hitt schall be disposed by the dyscrescon of myn executors To oure ladye chappell of the Middleswych xls to make reppacon of the same as schall be thought most necessarie Unto Raufe Holynzed my horse Unto Lawrence Pott my tennteꝭ wyffe one kowe To Alyce Hall and to one of hyr systers either of theym one kowe Unto Edward Ꝑsons vjs viijd I will and charge my executors that wher hitt can be ꝑved trouth that I haue done ony injurie or wronge to ony man or ony thyng that I am in dett to ony bodye that my seid executors schall agre with theym and to discharge me as mooche as in theym lyeth I make William Davenport of Bramhall John Leghe of the Bothe esquiers John Halle of the Broken Crosse and Sir Lawrence Payne chaplen my true and lawfull executors to ffulfylle this my last will for the welthe of my saul as they woll awnswur afore God in the dredfull daye of jugement And my goode mtr Sir Edwarde ffitton knyght to be ovseer to whom I giffe &c. j silver salte wt the cov To Mr John Leghe of the Booth v markꝭ yt he

[1] There can be little doubt that this is the famous old Chronicler of England who was born near Macclesfield, but of whose life so little is known. The date of his birth has escaped the researches of his biographers, but he died about 1580. Ralph or Raphael Holinshed first published the Chronicles which go under his name in two vols. fol. 1577.

doth owghe unto me and j silv̄ fflatte pece olde gilted And to ev̄y other of myn executors whom I have geven nothyng unto x^s desyryng theym to take some payne to see this my last will be performed These beyng wyttnes Thom̄s Parsons alderman of Macclesfeld Edwarde Jackson Roger Stubbes and other. Item to Mr William Sutton one pte of lyre (?)

THE WILL OF RICHARD RAWSTORNE OF LUMM, GENT.[1]

IN the name of God So be it 6 December 1580 I Richard Rawstorne of the Lome wth in the com. of Lanc. gent. ffirste I bequethe my soule &c. Secondly I geve my bodie to be buryed wth in the pishe churche of Burye Thredlye after my dette paid I bequethe my worldly goods and cattelle to be mynistred into three equall ptes The first pte to me the said Richard R. The seconde pte to Agnes my wyffe And the thredd pte to these three my children Adam R. clerke psone of Byrcham Newton Lawrence R. scoler and Elyn wyffe of Thomas ffyshe And of that pte of goods and cattelle pteyninge to me I geve xij^d thereof unto everye childe that I am graundfather unto Also to ev̄y childe that I am god-

[1] Proved 3rd January, 1580–81. Richard son of Adam Rawstorne of Lumm gent. married Anne or Agnes Nuttall of Nuttall in the parish of Bury, by whom he had issue Richard his eldest son, Adam Rawstorne Rector of Bircham Newton co. Norfolk, Laurence Rawstorne, Ellinor wife of Thomas Fish, Isabel wife of —— Howarth, Alice wife of George Nuttall of Golynrode, and several others who died young. Edward Rawstorne of Lumm, great grandson of the testator, left an only daughter and heiress, Elizabeth, who married Thomas seventh son of John Bradshaw Esq. of Bradshaw. Their grandson Rawstorne Bradshaw inheriting the estate much encumbered with debts sold it in 1725 to Miles Lonsdale Esq. — From the *Family Pedigree* drawn up in 1737.

father unto xij[d] I bequethe one meale arke foure bedstockes one longe settle and one sydde borde wth other bordes beynge at Hancocke unto Agnes my wyffe for the terme of hir lyffe and after hir decesse unto the said Lawrence R. my sonne and to his assignes for ever Also I will &c. that the greate arke in the chamber two bedstockes one folden borde and one sydde borde in the halle shall contynewe and remane as heirelomes in my capitall house of the Lome to [my] righte heires for ever And what so ever remanethe of my ꝑte of goods and cattellꝯ I bequethe the same to remane hollye unto Richard R. my eldeste sonne the said Adam R. clerke and the said Lawrence R. scoler and to their assignes for ever ffynally I make the said Agnes my wyffe and the said Lawrence my sonne my executors My cozen Edward Rawstorne and the said Richard R. my eldeste sonne to be supvisors &c. In wyttenes &c.

THE WILL OF EDMUND ASSHETON OF CHADDERTON, ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. 19 August 25 Elizabeth I Edmund Assheton of Chatt'ton in the countie of Lancast̃ esquier beinge sycke &c. And for my body to be buryed in the church of Oldham togather wth my brethren in hope &c. And for my goodꝯ and cattelꝯ I will to be bestowed in manor folowinge ffirst wheras I have graunted div̄se and sundry anneweties and yerly rente charge yssuing owt of div̄se

[1] Proved 8th October, 1584. The testator was fourth in descent from Edmund Ashton (second son of Sir Thomas Ashton of Ashton-under-Lyne) of Chadderton in right of his wife Johanna daughter and coheiress of Richard Radcliffe of Chadderton Esq. His descendant the Rev. William Assheton B.D. Rector of Prestwich in 1685, was the last heir male of the family, and dying in 1731, left two daughters and coheiresses, Catherine who married John Blackburne of Orford Esq. ancestor of John Ireland Blackburne Esq. of Hale, and Dorothy who married Sir Darcy Lever of Alkrington Knt. — *Suffield MSS.* See *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part i, pp. 108, 113.

my landꝭ and tenemtꝭ unto my sonnes cosins and servntꝭ for tearme of there sevall lyves And for that I would be glad that the same mayebe justly and trewly paed and to the intente that my sonne and heire apparante James A. and whosoev after him shalbe inherytoure of Chatterton maye the more ezely discharge the same I give &c. unto my saied sonne and heire apparant James A. and the heires males of his body &c. the use and occupacōn of the rectorie and psonage of fframptonn and Wykes demaynes wthin the countye of Lincolne and a lease of the tythes of ottꝭ and grayne in the tounes of Oldham Royton and Chatterton And yf the same James A. happen to die wthowte heire male of his body &c. Then I give &c. the said use &c. of the rectorye and psonage of fframpton and Wykes daymaines and the lease of the said tythes of corne and grayne in Oldham Chatterton and Royton unto whom so ev shalbe owner and inherytoure of Chatterton for the tyme beinge I give &c. all my right in one lease and tearme of yeres of Hasselhurste now in the tenure of William Ashemale remayninge after the desease of the said William A. unto my sonne Richard Assheton To James Assheton my kinsman Bachellor of Arte in Cambridge tenn poundꝭ yerly during the contynewance of the saied lease of fframpton yf hee the said James A. lyve so longe To my nece Isabell Bradshawe one silv pootte of the value of fyve poundꝭ To Mr Vicker of Rachdale[1] ffortie shillingꝭ for a remembrance to contynewe oure old ffrendshippe To my sonninlawe Edmund Hoppwood and Allys his wyffe twenty poundꝭ To Edmund Assheton my sonne ten poundꝭ To Richard A. my sonne tenn poundꝭ I constitut &c. my welbeloved sonne James A. my sole executor To Alice Hawworthe fourtie shillingꝭ to be payed at the daye of hir mariage.

[1] The Rev. Richard Midgley, Chaplain to Henry Earl of Derby, and Vicar of Rochdale from 1561 to 1595. For some interesting notices of this worthy man see *Stanley Papers*, part ii. pp. 177–183. Chetham series.

THE WILL OF ROBERT HOLTE OF STUBLEY, ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. 20 April 1561 I Robert Holt of Stubley in the countie of Lanc. esquire &c. My bodie to be buried in ye chaunsell w^th^in the peroche churche at Rachdale or elswhere it shall plese God to dispose I will that all such dettę as I do owe shalbe payd &c. And after my sayd dettę payd and my funerall expenses fynyshed I will that my sayd goodę shalbe devided in thre equall ptes wherof I will that Isabell my wyfe shall have one equale pte to her owne pper use for and in the name of all her thrydd pte &c. And the second pte I bequeth to Fraunce my sone Margerie and Elin my doughters equallie to be devided amongest them for and in the name of there full and lawfull childę pte And if any of the sayd ffrancę Margerie or Elyn my chylderen shall fortune to dye afore the shall accomplyshe the full age of xxj yeres and before that tyme be not maried that thē the survyvor or survyvors of my sayd chylderen shall have the porciō of such chyld that shall so fortune to dye And ye thrid equall part &c. I reserve to my executors therw^t to pforme my legacies that is to saye fyrst I geve towardę the repracions of ye sayd churche of Rachedale vj^s viij^d To Charles Holt my sone and here apparant all my cartę waynes plowes yokes harowes w^t all other implementę apptenȳge to husbandrie wch do now remaȳ at Stubley To ye sayd Charles all my harnes nowe beyng at Stubley and all my silyng timbre trustȳg that he wilbe good to his mother

[1] No date of probate. The testator married Isabel daughter of Roger Walkden of Foraxe gent. by whom he had an eldest son Charles Holte who married Mary daughter and coheiress of Robert Holte of Stubley Esq. by his wife Cicely daughter of Andrew Barton of Smethills. — See pp. 87, 88. Robert Holte's post mortem inquisition was held 3rd Elizabeth, at which time his son Charles was eighteen years of age.

and to his brother and sisters To the sayd Charles all such here lomes as Robert Holt late of Stubley th'eld^p esquire deceassed did leve by his last will to remaine at Stubley as here lomes wch be now in the handę rule and governanc of Mr Rauff Barton ye fourt ꝑte of y^e ꝑfytt of ye Browñe[1] w^t ye fort ꝑte of ye copiehold landę wch I oughe to have as ꝑcell of ye mariage goodę of Marie Holt now wyffe to ye sayd Charles To Isabell my wiffe Frannce Margerie and Elin my childeren all my intrest and terme of ye sayd Browñe which I have frō yere to yere of ye sayd Rauff Barton and Henrie Sayvell payeng the rent accordynglie To ye servyce at Litelbroughe viij^s To ye children of Roger Holt my brother vj^s viij^d to bie thē shepe w^tall Unto ye children of Charles Holt my brother vj^s viij^d to be wared upon shepe Unto ye children of Lawrenc̄ Kaye vj^s viij^d to be bestowed upon shepe To ye sayd Isabell my wyffe Francę Margarie and Elin my sayd childeren tenne oxen gates in Haslome heye[2] wch I have payd for to Richard Holt for vj yeres yet to come To Roger Holt my brother all my intrest and terme in one tenṅt in Holcome heye wch I have bie vertue of one bargyne ffrom Georg Werbertō and that the [said] Roger shall have ye same in as large maṅ as ye sayd Georg ought to have done by force of one graunt made unto him by Robert Holt late of Stubley ye younger esquire deceassed, I geve &c. ye sōme of tow hundreth markę wch is due unto me for ye mariage of Charles Holt my sayd sone and here apparant by reasō of the last will and testamēt and other mynymētę wryttyngę of ye sayd Robert Holt ye yonger to Margerie and Elyn my sayd doughters to be equallie devided betwyx thē and if ether of my sayd doughters shall fortune to die afore she shall accōplishe ye full age of xxj yeres and before that tyme be not maried that thę ye survyvor shall have such porcion of such doughters y^t shall so fortune to dye Where as I the sayd Robert Holt have taken by lease

[1] The farm now known as Browne Lodge, near Stubley.
[2] In the parish of Bury.

of ye sayd Raufe Barton and Henrie Sayvell and others wch lease beyrithe date ye 10 April 3-4 Philip and Mary certen meases landę &c. cōveed and assured by ye sayd Robert Holt ye younger to Robert Barton esquire and others ye cooffefees to certen uses and intentę mēcioned in one payre of indentures beyryng date 8 March 3-4 Philip and Mary mad̄ betwyx the sayd Rauff Barton and Henrie Sayvell uppon ye one ꝑte and me ye sayd Robert Holte one ye other ꝑte payeng yerelye for ye same fourtye markę I geve &c. ye sayd lease to ye sayd Charles Holt my sayd sone and here apparant duryng all ye terme of ye same so that ye sayd Charles wilbe cōtent quyetlye to ꝑmytte my sayd tow doughters to receve ye sayd ij hundreth markes other wyse I will y^t ye sayd lease shall pase to my executors I will that my serūntę John Holt Roger my brother Henrie Holt Wyll^m Deurden Edmūde Mylne Edmūde Holland and James Holt shall have ev̄y of thē one blake coate and ye resydue of all my ꝑte of goodę my dettę beyng payd &c. I holly geve to my sayd doughters Margerie and Elin equallye to be devyded betwene them I make ye sayd Isabell my wyffe Margerie and Elyn my doughters my true and faythfull executors to execute this my last wyll as the shall answere before God and I shall desire Mr Holland esquire Roger Holt my brother and Frances Walkeden to be supvisors of the same to se it executed accordynglie These witnesses Richard Holt Sr John Chetli^m clarke and Edmūde Mylne

Inventoriū omniū bonoꝝ et catalloꝝ que fuerīnt Roberti Holt nuꝑ de Stubley armig̃ die quo obiit app^rciat̄ ꝑ Edmūdū Whithede Edmūdū Kirshaghe Robertū Stott et Jacobū Heylewell fide dignos Inp^rmis viij oxen xxj^li vj^s viij^d — ij bullę and one segg̃ iiij^li — xvij kyen xxviij^li vj^s viij^d — ij heffers liij^s iiij^d — iiij steres vj^li xiij^s iiij^d — vij twinters vij^li — x styrkes vj^li xiij^s iiij^d — on geldynge iij^li vj^s viij^d — one stagge iij^li — iij mares vj^li — jx schore shepe xxj^li — fyve swyne xl^s — in mayle and malte x^li — jx fether bedę jx bolsters vj pillowes w^t pillowbers vj^li — iij mattresses xx^s — xjx coverletę v^li —

xx payre of shetę v^{li} — xx payre of blankettę iiij^{li} — iiij coveryngę for beddę xxx^{s} — a sylv̄ salt and xiiij spones viij^{li} — in brase and masselen v^{li} — arkes and chystę iij^{li} — in pewter vessell xx^{s} — stonndę kayres basens w^{t}all implemētę of howsehold xx^{s} — ij coveryngę for a table w^{t} a coveryng for a cubbard xij^{s} — viij bourdę clothes ij cuppebourd clothes v towels and x napkens xl^{s} — a payre of standyng bedd stockę w^{t} a payre of whele bedd stockę ye hangyngę and a cuppebourd in my lords chambre xxij^{s} — ij payre of bedd stockes ye hangyngę a cubberd a long bord and a forme in ye greite chambre xviij^{s} iiij^{d} — tow payre of bedd stockę w^{t} hangyngę and a cubbourd in ye chappell chambre and in ye iner chambre xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — a cuppebourd w^{t} a joyned fourme in ye new parlore vj^{s} viij^{d} — a cuppebourde in ye hale vj^{s} viij^{d} — a longe bourde and ij loose formes in the hale iij^{s} iiij^{d} — a chimney of iron in ye hale xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — a payre of standyng bed stockę a table w^{t} trestles in ye inner plore vij^{s} — ij payre of bedstockę a cupbourd and a lose bourd in ye old plore xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — ij payre of beddstockes in Sr Myghellę chambre v^{s} — a payre of bedstockę in ye chambre w^{t}out xx^{d} — ij chystę and one lose bord in ye closet iiij^{s} — viij payre of bedstockę at ye Whit wale x^{s} — in beyff bacon and salt vij^{li} — a spit and a gawbe iron iij^{s} — vj cheres and viij chusshens x^{s} — iiij payre of tongę ij^{s} — jx seackę and ij wynnowshetę xxj^{s} iij^{d} — a heire x^{s} — in woll and cloth xlv^{s} — in flaxe and linen cloth xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — cartę wanes plowes harrowes yokes w^{t}all implementę belongyng to husbandri xl^{s} — in sylyng tymbre[1] xl^{s} — cowp tymbre x^{s} — sawen bordę x^{s} — barked lether xx^{s}.

[No sum total mentioned.]

[1] *i.e.* timber used for wainscot.

THE WILL OF DAME MAUD GROSVENOR OF INCE.[1]

IN the name &c. 9 November 1582 I Dame Mawde Grosvenor of Ince ffirste &c. and my bodie to bee buried in the churche of Ince I give xl^{s} towardes the repayring of the chancell of Ince To Mawde Hunte xx^{li} To Margerett Case x^{li} To Jane fflecher x^{li} To my sonne Richard Grosvenor xl^{li} To Richard Bromley vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} wch Sr Rowland Stanley oweth to mee To Little John fflecher v^{li} To Sutton v^{li} To Richard Howggsley v^{li} To George Power xl^{s} To Thomas Wrighte the boye x^{s} To ev̄ie of my servant̄ a halfe yeares waḡ To my sonne Shalcrosse and his wief x^{li} To my nephue Richard Grosvenor my best silver cuppe To my nephue Thomas Grosvenor a silver cuppe To my nephue Richard his wief a silver cuppe To my cosen John Fradsham and his wief ij kyne To my daughter Masterson a lyttle silver salte gilte To my cosen Mr William ffradsham all my timber lying in the courte for buildinge To Laurance Haie and his wief ij heyffers To Thomas Hyne the bayliffe ij bullock̄ To Humfrie Shawre a heiffer To Dorothee Carington a young heiffer To Henry Heills a young beaste To my cosen Mr Edward ffradsham a younge beaste To Richard Bromley xx shepe To Roger Blackden xx shepe To Roger Briscowe iij^{li} To old Alice iiij^{li} To Sr Thomas Hale x^{s} To the clarke v^{s} To my cosen Mr Thomas Bunburie the bedd in the lyttle chamber nexte the windowe To Margrett Jarratt the bedd shee lyeth in and the bedd stoole I forgive my cosen Richard Hurleston the iij^{li} wch hee oweth mee To Roger Blackden the bedd hee lyeth in I

[1] Proved 17th November, 1582. Maud daughter of Sir William Poole of Poole county of Chester Knt. married first Sir Thomas Grosvenor of Eaton Knt. by whom she had a son and heir Thomas, Richard who died unmarried, Elizabeth wife of Richard Maisterson of Nantwich Esq., Catherine wife of Richard Hunt and afterwards of Richard Shalcross Esq., and Grace wife of John Massie of Coddington Esq. The testatrix afterwards married Robert Fletcher of Ince. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 454.

give all my goode &c. my dette legasies and funeralle expenses discharged to my sonne Richard Grosvenor To Edward Cewley x sheepe To Maior ffradsham x^s^ To M^ris^ Marie ffradsham a payre of sheete To old M^ris^ ffradsham a payre of sheete A payre of narrowe sheete to Anne Watts To my sonne Richard G. the greate bedde To my sonne Masterson a bedde To my sonne Shalcrosse a bedde I make my welbeloved in Christe Thomas Bunburie esquier William ffradsham gent Richard G. my sonne and my sonne in lawe Shalcrosse my executors Delivered as the laste will and testamente of Dame Mawde Grosvenor in ꝑsence of John ffradsham John ffradsham clarke Edward Cewley.

THE WILL OF JASPER WORTHE OF TITHERINGTON, ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. 18 February 1572 [1572–3] I Jasper Worthe of Tydrington in the-parish of Prestburie esquier &c. My bodie to be buryed in St. Nicholas Chappell within Prestburie churche I wyll that Thomas Jaxon Humfrey Swyndels John Barbor of Poole and John Barbor of Colde Harber shalbe the praysers of all my goode and catalles who for their paynes shall have everye one ten shillinge To Ales my wife threscore poundes To Philippe Worthe my sonne and heire twentie pounde To Edwarde W. my younger sonne twentye poundes To ffraunce W. my youngest sonne twentie pounde To Jone my bastarde doughter twentye pounde To my nese Margarette Draycote doughter of George Draycote sex poundes over and besydes fourtene pounde which I owe unto the

[1] Proved 15th March, 1572-3. Jasper son of Sewall Worth of Titherington Esq. by Isabell daughter of John Sutton of Sutton married Alice daughter of Sir Philip Draycott of Painsley and had issue Philip, who married Margaret daughter of Roger Downes of Shrigley Esq., Edward, Richard and Francis. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 350.

said Margarette To Thomasyn Johnson and Margarette Andrewe my wiffes maydes eyther of them twentie shillinge It is my will that the saide Edwarde W. and ffrance W. my sonnes shalbe truly payed eyther of theim foure markes yearely duringe their lyves accordynge as I have all readye appoynted by two my severall deedes All the rest of my goodes &c. shalbe equally devided betweene Ales my wife and Philippe Worthe my sonne and heire whoe I make my executor These beyinge witnesses Edmunde Newsom clerke vicar of Prestburie &c.

THE WILL OF PHILIP WORTHE OF TITHERINGTON, ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. 30 September 1581 I Phillippe Woorthe of Tydrington in the parisshe of Prestburye esquyer &c. to be buryed in the parisshe churche of Prestburye nere unto the place wheare my father was buryed To my sonne Jasper my clocke and all suche selynge and glasse as I now have at Tydrington Hall and the wyndowes theare and one greate lokynge glasse which standeth in the parlor to remayne to the said Jasper and suche as shall happen to be his heire heareafter I geve &c. xl^{s} to be bestowed amongest the poore in Prestburye parisshe that is to saye xx^{s} amongest the poore wthin Macclesfelde and the other xx^{s} to the poore dwellynge oute of Macclesfeilde and wthin Prestburye parisshe To everie suche my servaunte as shall weare my clothe x^{s} and to every other wch shalbe my servaunte man or woman at the tyme of my deathe fyve shillinge I desyre my trusty ffrendes and neighboures Thomas Jaxon Rauffe Crowther John Barbor of the Poole and John Barbor of the Colde Harbor to be the prwysors of my

[1] Proved 1581.

goodes And I geve unto the saide foure prwysors twentye shillingꝯ for their paynes in prwysynge to be equally devided amongest them All the rest of my goodes I will shalbe equally devided into three partes wheareof I will my wife to have one parte and that my dettꝯ and my funerall shalbe discharged of the other two partes And the rest I geve to my sonnes to be equally devided betwene theim I make Margarette now my wyfe and Jasper my sonne my executors And I desyre the righte worshipfull and my trustye ffrende Thomas Leighe of Adlington esquyer to be the supervisor Wytnesses Edmunde Newson vic. of Prestbury &c.

THE WILL OF JOHN COTTON OF COTTON, CO. CEST., ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. 7 August 1579 I John Cotton of Cotton esquer wthin the countie of Chester &c. And my body to be buryed wthin the chansell of Churche Hullme I geve towardꝯ the repac̃on of the said churche vj^{s} viij^{d} To Sr Rauffe Dutton curate there vj^{s} viij^{d} To George Mynshull my brother-in-lawe xx^{s} Unto Rondull Mynshull my brother-in-lawe my blacke gowne lyned wth lambe and my Spanishe buskins furred and for that I have somwhat ov^{r} worne the said gowne I doe geve to the said Rondull a gowne clothe of my wyves makinge wch I ꝑvyded for myselfe Unto Thom$^{\bar{a}}$s Cotton my sone my shorte gowne Unto John C. my god sonne a heffer stirke Unto Hugh Forsty and Thom$^{\bar{a}}$s Amson to eyther of theym vj^{s} viij^{d} a pice Unto my brother Arthur C. the

[1] Proved 13th September, 1580. John Cotton of Cotton, near Sandbach, Esq., descended from John de Cotton, (living 36 Edw. III.) married Alice, daughter of Edward Mynshull of Mynshull Esq. His great grandson alienated the manor about the middle of the seventeenth century. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 72.

some of xiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} to be paid unto him wthin oñ yeare nexte after my decease Unto my said brother Arthur and John Cotton th'elder my mañe all the residue of myne appell whereof my said brother to have the better pte at the ovsight of my cozin Henry Maynwearinge and my cosin Thom^{as}'s Wynnyngton Unto Thom^{as}'s Kyne vj^{s} viij^{d} for oñ quartars wages Unto my soñe Edward all that tymber wch Mr Brereton of Brereton gave unto me Unto my said soñe Edward all my armour Unto my doghters wch are maryed to yche of theym xl^{s} a pice Unto Alis C. my wyffe oñ halffe of the residue of all my goode and cattelles my debte and funeralles beinge discharged on the whole To Thom^{as}'s C. my soñe and Katherin C. my doughter two pte of the other halffe of my said goode in iij ptes to be devyded And the said thirde pte I geve to all my fyve doghters wch be maryed equallie amongest theym to be devyded wthin oñ moneth nexte after my decease Wheareas I stand indetted unto my soñe Thom^{as}'s C. in a greate some of money my will is that my said soñe Thom^{as}'s shall haue all the newe tymber aswell that wch I haue bought as allso all that was geven me together wth all the newe sclate that I haue bought heare or els wheare to be found and all the whit lyme wch I haue bought in pte of payment of the said some wch I doe stand indetted unto him I make the said Alis C. my wyffe and Rondull Mynshull my brother-in-lawe my executors entyrelie desyringe my said cozin Henry Maynwearinge and my cozin Thom^{as}'s Wynnyngton to be supvysors hereof &c. in the presence of Richard Hurleston Edward Cotton Thom^{as}'s Cotton George Mynshull John Cotton Radūs Dutton clericus Thom^{as}'s Mynshull.

THE WILL OF ALICE, WIDOW OF RALPH BYROM OF SALFORD.[1]

IN Dei &c. The xxvjth day of the monethe of January in ye yere of o^{r} Lorde a thowsand fyve hundreth xxiij [1523-4] I Alyce late wyffe of Raufe Byrome holl of mynd &c. ffyrst I beqwethe my saule to Allmyghty God to o^{r} blyssyd lady and to all ye holy company of heven and my body to be buryd w^{t} in the college churche of o^{r} blyssyd Lady of Manchest^{r} And my beste beeste in ye name of my mo^{r}tuary I beqwethe toward ye rode seler x^{os} To ye frere howse of Weryngton for to pray fo^{r} my saule and all crysten saule3 x^{os} To a prest to syng fo^{r} me . . . an halfe yere xl^{os} Towarde the mendynge of fowle ways iij^{os} iiij^{d} I wyll y^{t} myn executo^{r}s pay fo^{r} Thomas Byrome my sone the ferme of hys howse by vj 3eres next com̄ynge if the said Thomas cotynue so longe on lyfe y^{t} is to wete e^{v}y of ye said vj 3ere xvij^{os} My executors shall dely^{v} to the sayd Thomas w^{t}in the sayd terme of vj 3erys toward hys clothynge awdo^{r} in money o^{r} els in clothe xxiij^{os} iiij^{d} To Elyn̄ my doghto^{r} vj^{li} xiij^{os} iiij^{d} and my burd clothe of twyll To Agnes my doghto^{r} my beste gowne my beste kyrtyll my best hude and xl^{os} in money To John Browne and Adam Browne sonnes of Wiłłm Browne to aither of yam iiij m̄k^{e} the same to be dely^{v}d.....at suche tyme as myn executors shall thynk yam of dyscrec$\tilde{o}$n to.....it To Raufe Browne y^{e} broder xl^{os} in suche lyke manere to be dely^{v}d as to the othe^{r} brether To Margarett my dough^{t} xx^{os} To Nycolesse Pylkynton vj^{os} viij^{d} To Sr Raufe Mody vj^{os} viij^{d} To e^{v}y one of my godchylder viij^{d} And where as one Thomas Masse lately hathe p̄curyd to vexe me and my chyldren of and fo^{r} certayn sum̄s of

[1] No date of probate. Alice, daughter of . . . . Starkey of Pennington, married Ralph, second son of . . . . Byrom of Byrom, ancestor of the Byroms of Salford and Manchester. — Lanc. Visitation 1613; Pedigree in *Byrom's Remains*, vol. ii. part 2.

money o^r^ goode ye whyche as ye said Thomas lately hathe supposyd shuld have bene delyvyd un to Raufe Byrome my husband o^r^ to me ye sayd Alyce to ye use or behove of ye sayd Thomas know yow as I shall answarre afo^r^ God y^t^ I nev nor my said husband to my knowlege nev had any man gold sylv o^r^ other goode yeven or delyvyd to nowthe^r^ of us unto ye use of the said Thomas except ctayn evydence the whyche wer delyvyd un to me by ye hande of Katryn Radclyffe mod of the said Thomas The resydew of all my goode aft my whydde payd and my funerall expenses hade I gyffe and beqwethe to Adam Byrome and Sr Robert Byrome my sonnne3 and make the said Adame and ye said Sr Robert my true and leafull executors and Mast Thrustayn Tyldesley and Maist George Trafford the ovseers of y^is^ my laste wyll y^t^ they all may orden for my saule as they shall thynk best Thes wyttenesses Sr Raufe Mody and Sr Jamys Grene pste Richard Galey Gylbert Sorocold and od Yeven the day and yere aforesaid.

THE WILL OF JOHN DAVENPORT OF WISTASTON, CO. CEST., GENT.[1]

IN the name &c. 8 Jan. 1595 [1595–6] I John Davenport of Wistaston w^th^in the countie of Chester gent. beinge &c. my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche of Bunburie in the wall of the Ladye quere and a monum^te^ of allablaster or such like as by the discrecõn of my executors shalbe thoughte meete to be made over me w^th^in one yere nexte after my decesse to the value of xx^li^ or there about My will is that Margarie my wife upon condicõn that she

[1] Proved 17th September, 1598. John Davenport of Wistaston gent. second son of John Davenport of Calveley Esq. by Eleanor daughter of Sir George Calveley of Lea Knt. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 154.

will nor shall not after my decesse be advysed counselled or directed by Robte Crockett or Isabell his wife nor haue any thinge to doe wth theim or either of them other then suche assurauncꝭ as I am covenñnted or agreed to be made nor shall bestowe any ꝑte or ꝑfitt of the lyvinge or goodꝭ wch I doe by this my will leave unto hir upon them or either of them or to any theire yssue nor frequente or use the company or fellowship of theim or any of theim shall have all my landꝭ and rentꝭ of inheritance for terme of hir lyfe she payinge unto my brother Arthure Davenporte my nephewe Edwarde Damporte my sister Dorothie Greene and to my sister Jane Philkin yche of theim xls apeece yerelie for terme of theire lyves wch yf she shall not ꝑforme in all or any ꝑte then this devise to hir to be utterlie voyde And then I doe devise the same landꝭ unto my brother Hughe Davenporte esquier for terme of his lyfe the remaynder thereof unto John Davenporte sonne of the said Hughe and to the heires of the same John for ever Unto the righte worll Sr Rondull Brereton knighte and unto Peter Warburton esquier serjeant at lawe whom I nõiate ovseers of this my will the sõme of iiijor angels a peece in golde to make either of theim a ringe for a remembrñnce To Richard Clutton gent for a remembrñnce of my good will my bruche Unto my good frende Thomas Case of Chester gent the sõme of xxs for a remembrñnce All the reste of my goodꝭ and chattelꝭ whatsoeẽ (my beste chayne of golde and my greate golde signett excepted) wch I will shalbe gevon to suche as hereafter I shall appoint upon the condicõn before ꝓpied I give &c. to my said wife wch yf she shall not in evy poynte ꝑforme then this and all other giftꝭ before to hir made to be utterlie voyde and of non effecte and she to have onelie paid unto hir out of my said landꝭ duringe hir lyfe the yerelie sõme of twentie mlkꝭ in money And likewise to be delyved or paid unto her out of my said goodꝭ to the sõme of one hundred mlkꝭ in full satisfaction of all demandꝭ wch she can clayme after my decesse And of this my will I doe noiãte &c. Hughe Calveley esquier and

the said Margarie my said wife my executors and the said Sr Rondull Brereton and Peter Warburton ovseers In witnesse whereof &c. My further will is and I doe give unto my coson John ffilkyn my beste doubled and hose also to my coson Richard ffilkin my seconnde doublett and hose Unto my godson John Philkin my blacke Dutch cloke garded wth velvett Unto Edwarde Davenporte sonne of my brother Anthonye all the reste of myn appell Itm in consideracon of all frendship and reckonynge shewed I give to my brother Thomas Greene alderman of Chester the some of vjli To my coson Hughe Davenporte my sworde and buckler.

THE WILL OF RALPH LAWTON, RECTOR OF BEBYNGTON.[1]

IN the name &c. The xvijth day of Maye mcccccxxxi. I Rauff Lawton clerke pson of the parishe churche of Bebyngton seke &c. and my body to cristian sepultur I will that my funeale expenses be made and done in competent and covenient man accordyng to my degre at the disposicon of myne executor To the iij orders of ffrerys at Chester to be evenly distribute amonge theyr iij howses iiijos for to have theyr praers for the welth of my soule and all cristen soules To the covent of the monke of Seynt Werburge in Chester to have dirige and masse of requiem by theym sayd and celebrate in theyr monast xos To my moth Mawde Massy vjli xiijs iiijd To Sir John Hareson curat of Bebyngton above seyd xos he to synge and say a trental for my soule and all cristien soules To the same Sir John my sarsanet typett and my best blake hosen To John Whyksted my chamelet jaket my best dowlet of blake chamlett and a shertt and my botys To Sir Willm Johnson preste my rydyng gowne and

[1] No date of probate.

my cloth typet lyned with sarsenet To Margret Mydylton doghtor to Robt Mydylton flechr late of Chestr decessyd toward hyr mariage xlos Unto Rogr Sclater Hugh Sclatr and Randle Sclatr to evry one of theym a payr of hosyn and a payr of shoys And to Nicholas Brygge myñ olde wolsted jaket in recompense of theyr payn and labor hade and doñ abowte me in my sekenes To Henr Vernon my gray horse called Gryme and a payr of rydyng shoys The residue of all my goode aftr my dette payd and my funeral expenses deducted I will to be at the disposicon of myñ executor for the helth and welth of my soule I orden &c. Mr John Lawton clerke pson of Astbury myñ executor Thes beyng wittenes Sir Willm Johnson of Chester chapeleyne John Whyksted and Henry Vernon with othr Yeven and made the day and yer above seyd.

Among ye debts owing by ye testator are ye following "To my maystr Sir John Lawton pson of Astburye of hym by me borrowyd at dyvse tymes in my necessities lvli xos For the pension of Bebyngton to be payd at the feste of Seynt James next coming xijli vjos viijd To the vicar of Bromboro by the assignment of th'abbot and cōvent of Chestr for the pension of Bebyngton due at mydsomr next xiijos iiijd."

THE WILL OF ELIZABETH WIDOW OF THOMAS DAVENPORT OF HENBURY ESQ.[1]

IN the &c. the xvth of December 1577 I Eliz. Damport widowe late wyffe of Tho. Damport late of Henburie in the cownty of Chester Esquyre do ordayne &c. my body to be buried in the chaple

[1] Proved in 1578. Elizabeth, daughter of John Fitton of Gawsworth Esq., married 25th May, 8th Henry VIII., Thomas Davenport of Henbury Esq., by whom she had issue John, Hugh, Amy wife of Wm. Beard Esq. of Derbyshire, and Katherine wife of Wm. Leversage of Wheelock Esq. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 292, 352.

standing in the church yard of Pstburie nere unto my said husbande To my nephewe Rondle Damport one chalice to make hym a cupp and one angell of gould To Marie Dameport wyfe of the said Rondle one angell of gould To Willm and Tho. D. sonnes of the said Rondle to ether of theym one angell of gould To Dority D. doughr of the said Rondle one heffr wch I bought of Tho. Maddock To my doughr Katherin Lyvsage one ringe of gould wth a stone therin and my best gowne To my doughr Em Berd one litle ring of gould wch was my wedding ring and my second gowne To my cosyn Mrgerie Hassall my beste peticoate To Joane Moreton my servaunt mayd all the bedd and clothes yt she useth commenlie to lye in or upon and towe pair of sheete and three pownde vjs viijd in money To evie one yt I am godmother unto towe shillinge To John Mrler iijs iiijd I beqweth towarde a newe bell at Pstburie sixe shillinge viijd My sonn Per D. shall have all the rest of my goode and cattells wch said Peter my sonn I ordeyn &c. my true and onlie executor Thees being wytnes Rondle Damporth Tho. ffyton &c.

THE WILL OF THOMAS CLUTTON OF NANTWICH, GENT.[1]

IN the name &c. 16 Apryll 1571 I Thomas Clutton of the Nampte wiche wthin the coūtey of Chester gent My body to be buryed in christen buryall whear it shall please my executors I wyll that after my decesse all my landes be eqwally devyded into three partes one pte whearof I geve &c. to Margery my wyfe for term of hir life in name of hir dower and jonter the seconde pte thear of I geve to my son Thomas C. and his heyres the thrid pte thearof I wyll that my executors shall have to the use of all my

[1] Proved August 3rd, 1575.

doughters untyll fortye poundes a peese shall be had to everye of them towardes their mariages My wyll is that my wife have in hir thrid pte my howse whear in I dwell wth all orchardes and gardens and medoe to the same after the rate of the olde rente duringe hir wydoe hoode I wyll that my dettes be payd of my wallinge and wood and other of my goodes and after my dettes payd I wyll the one halfe of my goodes to my wyfe and the other to be devyded amongeste my young children To Thoms my son my signet of golde my harnes and after my wyfes deathe or mariage my silynge in the hall and my beste bed in the parlor as nowe it standethe or as my wyfe wyll leave it I wyll that my wyfe have all my tackes and leases to brynge up hir children w^thall duringe hir life if she kepe hir selfe soole and unmaried my ground at Clutton excepte. My executors shall have the occupacion of my grounde at Clutton to the behove of my son Richard C. and to the kepinge of hym at his lernynge so longe as it shall please M^rstres Sevyll and M^rster Wylbram to pmyt them to ocupy the same and the ovplus to be bestoed upon my doughters at the ov sygthe of my executors I wyll that after the deth or maryage of M^gery my wyfe that my son Thoms shall have my intereste in the Shae and then I geve &c. my terme thear in to hym and his executors I wyll that after the fortye poundes payd to my doughters a peyse that M^gery my wyfe shall have all the landes and tenymentes wch I purchased of Thomas Charnels and Elynor his wyfe to hir for terme of hir lyfe ov and besydes hir thrid pte durynge hir life And after hir decesse I geve unto my son Richard C. all the said landes &c. to hym and to [his] heires males and for default &c. to the use of my son Thoms C. and his heires for ev I make my executors Margery my wyfe Richarde Hassall Richarde Wylbram of the Nampte wiche John Wryghte of Bakeley and my brother Honfrey C. My brother Thoms Wylbram and Wyllm Lyvsedge esquier shalbe my ovseers Wytnes Robert Pickeryn Thoms Twoyearolde John Clutton &c.

THE WILL OF THOMAS PENDLETON OF MANCHESTER.[1]

IN the &c. the ixth daye of Aprill in ye yere of o^{r} Lorde God a M fyve hūdreth and xxxiiij I Thoms Pendylton of Mancestr̄ sounde and hoole of mynd &c. My bodye to be buryed in the pyshe chyrche of Mancestr̄ I wyll y^{t} evy prest beyng at my derige shall have iiij^{d} and ye qwere to be ordred after ye olde accustome To an honest and vertuous prest for ye space of fyve yers next ensuing my dethe yerlye iiij^{li} to synge for my saule and my frende saules and to saye masse ons in the weke of scala celi I wyll that my doghters Grace and Margerye shall haue towarde theyre maryage equally betwyxe theyme x^{li} overe and besyd theyre chylde porcon and yff hit fortune ewther of theyme to depte or they be maryed I wyll y^{t} ye survivor shall haue bothe y^{r} partes To oure ladie service xij^{d} I wyll that my wyffe Margarie shall haue my howse and ye take or leace of my fealde wyth thappurtenances duryng hir lyve and after my deth y^{t} she shall assigne ye saide house and feelde to suche children or chylde as she shall thynke in hir conscience most nedfull and requisite to assigne it unto I ordayne my wyffe Margarie and my sones fraunce and Edwarde[2] to be my executors and to dispose the residew of my goode my dette and funall expenses paied for the healthe of my saule and [I] bequeath to ye ffreers observante of Newarke for a trentall x^{s} Thies beyng witnesse of my psent wyll Richard Bradshay[3] and John Dyconson preste Rauffe Pendilton Richard Bradshay Alexand^{r} Walker and Willm Clogh wyth other.

[1] No date of probate.

[2] Edward Pendleton, a member of an ancient Manchester family, afterwards D.D., and in 1547 Fellow of the Collegiate Church, and Head Master of the Grammar School, Manchester, a man famous for the elasticity of his conscience in the reigns of Henry VIII., Edward VI., Queen Mary, and Queen Elizabeth.—*Fasti Eccles. Mancun.*, a MS. by Canon Raines.

[3] Richard Bradshaw, a Fellow of the Collegiate Church, Manchester.—*Ibid.*

THE WILL OF ROGER HEYTON OF HEYTON, GENT.[1]

IN the name &c. 27 July 1597 I Roger Heyton of Heyton in the county of Lancaster gentleman being &c. My body to be buryed in the parish church or church yeard of Deane neigh my parentes and ffrends &c. I give ..... Ollyver Grenaughe my nephewe after my deceasse all my whole right that I have or oughte to have in a lease of the mannor and mannor howse of H ....., over to my ffather Richard Heyton and to my mother Alice H. and to the longer l ..... them and to theire assignes ffor the tearme of threescore and neynteene yeares by Will[iam] Heyton[2] of Bircheley Esquier brother unto the said Richard H. my father with all howses orchards pastures &c. to the said mannor and mannor howse belonginge so that the said Ollyver Grenaughe and his assignes shall maintaine and keepe with foode and rayment honestlie and sufficientlie Thomas Heyton my brother Ann Heyton and Dorety Heyton my sisters for terme of theire naturall lives yf this lease be recovered And whereas there [has been] a controversie betweene me and James Anderton of Lostocke Esquier for the whole inhe[ritance] and landꝑ beloning to the heires of the Heytons namely of all the landꝑ lyinge in Hey[ton Hor]wich Lostocke Rumworth Synderland Birchley Billinge Rosset Ulverston ffurnes [and else]where within the county of Lanc̃ wch landꝑ the said James Anderton wrongfully ..... ffrom me by a ꝑtended tytle

[1] Proved 25th April, 1598.

[2] William Heyton of Birchley Esq., son of Richard Heyton of Heyton by his first wife Anne, daughter of Roger Hulton of Hulton Park Esq., married Jane, daughter of Sir William Farrington, by whom he had two daughters, Jane and Alice. Richard Heyton married secondly Margaret Garstang, by whom he had (with other children) Richard Heyton, father of the testator. — *Lanc. Visitation*, 1567.

of one that came out of Ireland who named hims[elf Richard] Heyton the son of ffernando Heyton but he was proved to have counterfeit his na[me] his name was Thomas Heyton a bastard sonne of old William Heyton who died at Lon[don] at Westminster And wheras Richard Horrobyn husbandman William Marshe James Yeate the yonger H . . . . . Yeat th'elder [have] taken their oathe before the commissioners James Browne Esquier Edward Langtree Esquier George Holme gentleman Robert Pinnington gentleman that he was not Richard Heyton ffernandos sonne but a bastard sonne of old William Heyton I am fully pswaded in my conscience and dare boldlie take yt on my death that the oath they have taken herein is most true and the rather because ffernando Heyton did tell me that his sonne Richard H. died in London of the plague about twenty yeres agoe And of this my last will and testament I doe make Ollyver Grenaugh my nephew and Thomas H. my brother my true and lawfull executors and Edward Langtree Esquire and James Browne Esquire the overseers of this my last will &c.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM HYDE OF URMSTON, GENT.[1]

IN the name &c. 23 August 1587 I William Hyde of Urmston wthin the parishe of Flixton and county of Lanc̃ gentillman sicke in bodie &c. to be buried in the chansell at Flixton

[1] Proved 26th September 1587. William Hyde of Urmston gent., eleventh in descent from Sir Robert Hyde of Hyde co. Cest. Knt. living in the time of Henry III., married Margaret, daughter of John Arderne of Harden Esq., by whom he had issue John his son and heir, who married Susan, daughter of William Ashton of Clegg gent. by Anne, daughter and coheiress of Ralph Belfield of Clegg Esq., Anne baptised at Flixton 17th February 1580-1, the wife of William Brettargh of Brettargh

trustinge to ryse &c. My debtꝭ shalbe payd and then the residue of my goodꝭ shalbe devided equaly into three partꝭ y^{t} is to saye one for me an other for my wyffe Margaret H. and the third last part for my two children Briched H. my elder doughter and Anne H. my yonger doughter Unto my sonne John H. y^{t} chist whiche hath my evidence in and the evidence therin wth a cubbord whiche standes in the parler and all suche writinges as are therin belonginge to my lande and my wyffe shall keepe the kyes of the sayd chystes and they shall remayne wher they are y^{t} is to saye at my mañor house of Urmston and that she shalbe reedy to let the fefyes when they shall neede any thinge therin for the mayntenance of my land to have the sayd keeyes And yf my wyffe marie agayne I will y^{t} they feffyes shall take the sayd keeyes from her and keepe them them selves unto the use of my sonne John To the sayd John my sonne a lead caled a fornace wth all rackꝭ pothonckꝭ iren chimnyes wher any fyres are letten withe the clocke and the jacke whiche turneth the broche I will y^{t} ye harnesse whiche I have shalbe keepte for the use of my sonne wth my bowe and arrowes and y^{t} they shalbe delivẽd to him when he cometh to the age of xxj yeres My three sisters shall haue everie one a blacke goune Anne Gleyve[1] Dorety Medocrofft and Elin Webe My aunte Byrtelles shall haue a blacke goune Ther shalbe six gounes bestowed on six powre folckes one to Rogger Ewans an other to Nicholas Roggers and who the other foure shalbe I reserve y^{t} to my executor To Nicholas Darbishire my servant xx^{s} To Elizabeth Darbishire xx^{s} To Robert Williamson my servant vj^{s} viij^{d} To Henrie Hamer Robert Bouth John Blomyle Margarye Darbishire to everie one of thesse iij^{s} iiij^{d} Unto my wyffe all my

Holt gent, and Bridget buried at Flixton 29th April 1592.—*Harl. MSS.* 1437, p. 139. The Urmston estates passed to the family of Hulme of Davy Hulme in the parish of Eccles by the marriage (22nd September 1642) of Richard Hulme Esq. of Davy Hulme with Susan, great-granddaughter and heiress of the testator.

[1] Anne, wife of John Gleve of High Legh, and Dorothy, wife of Francis Meadowcroft of Smethurst gent.

parte of goodꝭ whiche shall remayne when these legayses and my funerall expenses are taken out And yf yt happen yt Mr Richard Garratte [Gerrard] parson of Stoppard or any other doe obtayne or boye of my lord treasurer my sonne John for me unto the use of me my wyffe and children then I will yt soe muche goodꝭ as the sayd Mr Garratte shall laye downe for that use shalbe first taken uppe of the marishe of my sonne And the rest whiche is lefte of his marishe goodꝭ I geve xlli of yt to my sonne John and the rest I geve to my doughters Briched and Anne to be equally devided I will yt my wyffe shall have the rulinge of my children and the use of their goodꝭ untill they come to age or marishe soe longe as she continues in my name unmaried And yf my wyffe doe marie they feffyes shall take order both for the keepinge of my children and the use of ther goodꝭ My wyffe shall haue the keepinge of my sonne John and occupyinge of his part of land untill he be maried and shall ocupye [the] third part of my landes in Urmston or eles wher soe longe as she keepes her selffe unmaried for the use of Briched H. and Anne H. payinge for the same yerely soe muche rent as shalbe thought reasonable by Mr George Latham William Sharlocke and James Ryle the whiche rent shall only goe to the ꝑferment of Briched H. and Anne H. I make Margaret H. my wyffe my executor to see this my will fulfilled as my trust lyeth in her nex unto God and my overseers the right worshippfull Sir John Radclyffe Knyght my maister and my welbeloved brother in lawe Mr Raphe Arderren Esquire of Ardayne and my cosen Mr Richard Radclyffe of Newcroft.

THE WILL OF HUGH STARKEY OF OULTON ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. The vth daye of Auguste MDLV. I Hughe Starkye of Olton in ye countie of Chest^r^ Esquyer beinge hole in bodye &c. I will y^t^ iff [it] ffortune me to dye w^th^in the countie of Chest^r^ that then my bodye shall be buried in ye chañsell of Ov̊[2] in my tombe there I bequeathe to Margarie my wyffe xl^tie^ markę of my landę of the inheritañce of my ffather as is appoynted unto her by writinge and the third ꝑte of all my goodę and ye litle fouldon borde y^t^ standeth in y^e^ ꝑlore To my executors all my purchased landę leacę ffermes and tackes my ferme of Benttles onelye excepted and all suche dettę as shalbe owinge to me ye daye of my deathe to thintente y^t^ my said executors shall paye yearly to y^e^ ꝑsons hearafter named that is to saye to Elen Sterkye one of my sisters and to Sissely Sterky sometyme nuñe of Elstow an other of my sisters either of them iiij^li^ yearly during their sev̊all lyves To Whenefryde Leche towardę her ꝑferment and mariage ye some of iij^li^ vj^s^ viij^d^ To James Yonge my servant xvj^s^ yearely during ye terme of xxx^tie^ yearę if he so longe do lyve To Thomas Mynsule my ꝑvant viij^s^ yearelye for terme of xxx yearę if &c. To Robt Olton otherwise named Robt Jacson xiij^s^ iiij^d^ for terme of xxx^tie^ years if &c. To Rauff Capper my ꝑvant xxv^s^ for terme of xxx^tie^ yeares if &c. My said ferme of Benteleis before excepted in these ꝑsents I gyve to my ꝑvant Robt Wettenhall Unto my said executors the advowson

[1] Proved June 8th, 1577. Hugh, son and heir of Hugh Starkey of Oulton Esq., by Margaret, daughter of Philip Egerton of Egerton Esq., married *Margaret*, daughter and heiress of —— Swanick of Wirswall, by whom he had no issue. He had an illegitimate son Oliver Starkey a knight of Malta and afterwards grand prior of the order. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 104.

[2] The church was rebuilt by the testator in 1543. — Ibid, vol. ii. p. 103.

of ye viccarige of Ov^r wch I haue by grant for the next avowdance therof and I will y^t my executors shall at ye next avowdance p^r sent therunto Omffrey Lyghtfoote clerke if he be then lyvinge Unto ye said viccar of Ov^r xl^s for my mortuarie to praye for me To Rauff Kettell of Swanlowe x^s for terme of xxx^tie yeare if &c. To Hughe Wettenhall xx^s yearly duringe ye lyf of his ffather so y^t he be not retayned unto any mans service nor weare any manes liv^r aye duringe ye same tyme To Jane Wudnett xl^s to her mariage All my apprell of my bodie to ye said Hughe Wettenhall and to John Brocke and to John Leche To Ellen Ecton iij^li toward^e ye exsebycōn of her poore children To Robt Sclaver my s^r vant xiij^s iiij^d during xxx^tie yeares if &c. I bequethe lxxx^li to make a substanciall horse waye paved betwixt Darley and the Nampte wiche and to defend it w^t cart^e Unto my cosyn Thomas Starnynge my best horse or geldynge at his alecc̄on and v mark^e To William Greene my s^r vant my best wayne one plowe one cowe and one harrowe To ev^r y one of my servant^e bothe men and women wch shalbe dwelling w^t me at ye daye of my deceasse a whole yeares wages apeese. To my syst^r Eme Wetenhall xx^li toward^e ye mariage of her . . . . . to be payde unto her w^t in ij yeares aft^r my deceasse To my . . . . . one bowle of syl^v p^r cell gylt To Sr Arthure Derscy Knyght . . . . . y^t is for my owen . . . . . goynge in Elcā p^r ke To John Brickinden nowe p^r son of Grace churche in London my newe clothe gowene furred w^t marterons[1] [If] my said wyff do refuise to take ye said xl merk^e of my land^e and iij p^r te of my good^e in fulle contentac̄on of her dower but do p^r tend tytle to any more of my land^e then I will y^t ye gyfte of ye iij^d p^r te of my good^e to her before made shalbe voyde My said wyffe shall have ij ffether bed^e and ij matrases compleate one syl^v salte and one syl^v cuppe p^r sell gylte wherin she useth to drinke ale vj kyne and vj syl^v spones in full satisfacc̄on of all her p^r te of my good^e &c. and not to entermedle w^t any other p^r sell of ye same

[1] i.e. the fur of a marten.

I will that all suche writyngę as are made bytwene me and my brothre James S. consernyng th'enheritañce of Hugh. S. o^r ffather shall stand in fulle force and strengthe All other ye resydewe of my goodę shalbe equallye devyded in iij eqall ꝑtes wherof Margerie my right welbeloved wyffe shall haue to her owen use ōne of ye same iij ꝑtę wch shalbe worthe one C markę at ye least in full recōpence of all her ꝑte of my goodę &c. And ye other ij ꝑtes and residwe of my goodę and lykewyse all suche proffetę as shall come of my said ffermes and tackę and debtę I will y^t my executors shall imploy towardę y^e ꝓfermentę of mariagę of poore maydę releve and succore of poore infantę and fatherles children and other poore neadie people repayring and mendyng highe wayes and decayed bridgę and suche other lyke and charitable good deadę as my said executors and ye survivꝰ of them shall thinke moste charitable and godlye to be done I ordayne &c. my right trustie and lovinge cosens Richard Wylbrā Esquyer John Brewne of Stapleford Esquyer Richard Starkye of Stretton Esquyer and John Leche gentelman my executors and for their paynę I gyve &c. to eꝰy one ye sum̄ of v^li And I make Sr John Savage Knyghte supvisor. In wytnesse &c.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM CHORLEY OF CHORLEY GENT.[1]

IN the name &c. 13 Decr 1585 I Wiłłm Chorley of Chorley in the countie of Lancaster gent̄ holle in bodie &c. To be buryed within the churche of Chorley in the chanchell under a stone

[1] The inventory is dated 26th of January, 28th of Elizabeth, [1585–6]. William, son and heir of William Chorley of Chorley gent. by Elizabeth daughter of William Charnock of Charnock Esq., married Alice daughter of James Anderton of Euxton gent. by whom he had issue William his son and heir (ob. vit. pat. having married Bridget daughter of William Hutchinson of West Hallam, ? co. Derby), James,

where my grantffather was buried I give to Wiłłm Chorley sonñ to my sonñ Wiłłm C. latelie deceased my clocke chime and bells and all my harnes ꝑteynynge to the warres I doe devise all my oulde ancient rentꝭ of all my tenantꝭ in Walton nere Lyrpoule the cheffe rent payed yearlye to the Quenes maiestie wich is xx^{s} onlie except ffrom the daye of my decease for the tearme of five yeares to Alexand^{r} Chorley Marie C. and Alis C. younger children of my sonñ Wiłłm C. latelie deceased Whereas I haue a lease for certen yeares of Olivere Garrard of Brindell of ground called Denham Banke and alsoe a lease of certen ꝑcells of ground in Adlington called Famer of George Ashall the reꝟcõn of wiche said leases I doe geve to the said Alex. C. Marie C. and Alis C. Alsoe my especiall desyre and requeste is that my said executors doe fullfyll my sonñ Wiłłm C. his laste will and teastament accordinge to the truste he reposed in my [me] and alsoe where it is sett downe in my said sonñ Wiłłm his will that I should haue the orderinge of all his tymbre and stone wherefor and for that I haue well recompensed not onlie Brigett C. my dought^{r} in lawe with certen landes duringe her liffe but alsoe haue recompensed the said Alexand^{r} Marie and Alis C. wherefore Wiłłm C. eldest sonñ of my said sonñ Wiłłm C. shall haue the said tymb^{r} and stone And whereas I haue a lease of Richard Whittell of certen ground in Chorley called the Lee the revertõn of wiche I doe geve to Mawde Chorley nowe my servant All my goodes and cattellꝭ shalbe devided into three equall ꝑtꝭ whereof Alis nowe my wiffe to haue oñ ꝑte accordinge as of right she ought to haue the seconnd ꝑte I geve to Leonrd C. my sonñ desyringe and prayinge

Leonard, and Anne wife of Roger Gillibrand of Chorley gent. — *Lanc. Visit.* 1567–1613. The testator's descendant Richard Chorley together with his son Charles were involved in the Rebellion in 1715. The former was executed at Preston 9 Feb. 1716, and the latter died in prison at Liverpool soon after his trial. The Chorley Hall estate was confiscated and sold to Abraham Crompton of Derby gent., and is now by purchase the property of Robert Townley Parker Esq. of Cuerden Hall. — *Lanc. Memorials of* 1715, pp. 192, 200. *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part iii. p. 366.

him not onlie for Godes cause but alsoe for my sake and at this my requeste that he would be contented to lett Willm my basterd sonñ to haue the half of his seconde ꝑte with him consideringe all my gyftes and benefittꝭ heretofor bestowed upon him and the laste and thrid ꝑte I reser to my self for that after my debtes &c. payed Alis now my wiffe and all the children of Roger Gelibrond my sonñ in lawe shall haue all my said thrid ꝑte to be equallie devided amongest them I make Alis my wiffe Leonrd C. my sonñ Roger Gelibrond my sonñ in lawe and Hughe Rigby my executors and my cosin James Anderton of Clayton supvisor of this my laste will &c. These beyng recordꝭ John Grene curate of Chorley John Gelebrand Jamys Totell wt others.

THE WILL OF ANNE, THE WIDOW OF PHILIP MAINWARING OF PEOVER, ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. 29 January 1586[1586-7] I Anne Manwaringe wyddowe late wief of Phillipe Manwaringe of Pev Esquier deceassed beinge sicke in bodye &c. to be buried in the chancell of Ov Pev nere unto my late husbande and I geve unto the same churche towardꝭ the reparacōn therof xxs I geve a dozen poore folkes men and women eiche one a gowne of blacke fryse Unto my sonne Randle one gould ringe sett wth a blue safyre Unto my doughter in lawe his wief one pare of braslettꝭ of goulde Unto Anne M. my sonnes doughter one paire of braslettꝭ of corall dressed wth silver Unto Katherine M. my sonnes doughter one ringe of

[1] Proved 27th April, 1587. Anne daughter of Sir Ralph Leycester of Toft Knt. married Philip Mainwaring of Peover Esq., son of Sir John Mainwaring of Peover Knt. by Katherine sister of William Honford of Honford Esq., and had issue Randle Mainwaring, Captain Edward Mainwaring of Ranmore near Nantwich, and Elizabeth who died without issue. — Ormerod, vol. i. pp. 371, 372.

gould sett wth pearle Unto Randle M. my sonnes sonne one ringe of gould wth the roe bucke[1] and my name ingraved theron conteyninge in value one angell to be made by my executors and to evye one of my sonnes yonger sonnes evye one an angell to be imployed to their uses by my executors wth th'advice of their father Unto my syster Calveley[2] my gould ringe ingraved wth a roe bucke Unto my brother Willm Leycester one ringe of gould wth an emerode wch he now hath in his owne custodie Unto my brother Laurance Leycester one graye mare called Millington Unto my cosine Elizabeth Trafford one ringe of gould sett wth a diamonde Unto everye one of my brother Laurance his children vj^s^ viij^d^ Unto my nevewe George Leycester one incalf heffer Unto Anne Leycester my goddoughter one incalf heffer v^li^ in money and my best peticote Unto Anne Langeton my goddoughter my gowne of frysadowe[3] my statute[4] peticote and one of my best smockes I geve all the residue of my lynnens belonginge to my bodye wch shall not other wyse be bequethed herafter to be equallie devided betwixt Anne Leycester and Anne Langton at the discrecon of my executors Unto my syster wief unto my brother Laurance my best lane partelett and two paire of ruffes Unto my serunt Richard Cragge ov and besides his wage due xiij^s^ iiij^d^ in money Unto Elizabeth Burges one ould peticote Unto evye one of my god children in Ov Pev xij^d^ Unto Ellyn ffernhoughe my white peticote and to Hughe Pymlotte wief one smocke Wheras Mathew Bartinton the yonger is indetted unto me by three sevall billes for the payment of twentye pownde at three sevall dayes I will that yf I dye before the dayes of payment my executores shall deliver him his bille cancelled Allwaies pvided that he paye one fyve pounde of the same debt unto Anne Bartington his syster and all the residue of the said some I free for-

[1] The crest of Leycester of Toft.

[2] Mary wife of Hugh Calveley of Lea Esq.

[3] Frizade — freize cloth. — *Archæol.* vol. xi. p. 92. *Halliwell.*

[4] Woollen petticoats enjoined to be worn by a statute dated 1571.

geve him My will ys that Wiłłm Cooke ałs Shorlocke shall haue likwaies his billę cancelled and suche money as he dothe owe unto me I frelye forgeve him My executors shall cause to be made certeyne ringę of gould to the value of x^s^ a peece wth my name ingraven and the roe bucke therupon and shall deliv̊ the same unto suche ꝑsons whose names shalbe herafter specified that is to witt Sr Edmūnde Trafford knight Edmund his sonne and John sonne of the said Edmund M^v̊^garet Leighe of Adlington doughter of the said Sr Edmund Hughe Calveleye Esquier George and Hughe his two sonnes Thomas Starkye of Stretton Esquier and Tymothye [Timothea] his wief my brother Langton and Phillip his sonne my cosine Leighe of Boothes my ante Stanley my cosyne Anne Blundell my cosyne Katherine Urmeston my cosine Elizabeth Irland Elizabeth the wief of my brother Wiłłm Leycester my brother Lawrance Leicester and Eleñ his wief my cosine Jane Davemport my uncle Bonaventure Carington Unto Isabell the doughter of Wiłłm Normansell deceassed one heffer wch was the heriott of Elizabeth Hasselhurst and to Katherine one other doughter of the said Wiłłm one heffer styrke Unto Edmunde Manwaringe my younger sonne my detę &c. beinge discharged all the residue of my goodę and all leces [leases] tackes tythes and tearme of yeares whatsov̊ Itm [it] ys my desire that my sonne Edmunde shall make unto my sonne Randle two sev̊all offers touchinge the lease of the tythes of Pev̊ the first whether he will geve unto the said Edmund three hundreth poundę to be paid in three yeares wherof the first payment to beginne at or before the nativitie of o^r^ Lorde God next ensuinge the date herof and so yearlye one hundreth poundę untill the some of three hundreth poundę be fullye paid and so the said Randle to enioye the whole lease answeringe the rent reserved upon the same or els to take his owne tythes growinge upon his ancient demeane landę of Pev̊ answeringe for the same unto the said Edmunde and his assignes yearlye duringe the said leasse the some of iiij^li^ xij^s^ vj^d^ I will that my sonne Edmunde

shall haue my mansion house comenlie called the Springe wth all buildinge gardens land^e^ &c. therto belonginge in suche man^n^ as is conteyned in one deed indented bearinge date the 20 May 21 Eliz. Also in respect of the good will wch I haue alwaies borne unto my sonne Randle and wishinge likwaies amitie and love to continue betwixt my two sonnes to the comfort of ther frend^e^ and welwillers I will and require my said sonne Randle to suffer his brother Edmund and his assignes to occupie the barne wch I latlie builded upon a por^c^on of grounde wch I exchanged wth a tenn̄te of his and the stable wch I builded upon the wast duringe suche tearme as I haue granted unto the said Edmunde the residue of my housinge and land^e^ therunto adioyninge Unto my sonne Randle all my beddinge wch I latlye lent unto my doughter in lawe his wief wch nowe is in her owne custodie To the poore houshoulders w^th^in the pishe of O^v^ Pe^v^ either of them one tollope of barlye I doe ordeyne &c. my dearlye beloved sonne Edmunde M. and my lovinge cosine Thomas Starkye my executors requiering my wellebeloved sonne Randle M. and my lovinge brother Laurance Leicester to be o^v^seers &c. In wittnesse &c. I the said Anne haue putt to my hande and seale &c. Witnesses Phillipe Manwaringe Willm Barnshall Thomas Newall wth others.

THE WILL OF SIR GEORGE GREGORY, PRIEST.

IN dei noïe amen 5 April 1548 I Sr George Gregore of Rossandayle w^t^in the com. of Lanc̄ p^r^st sycke in boddye &c. To be buryd in ye parysh church yorde of Haslyngden My dettes taykyne uppe and payde and my bodye extyneguseshed honestly wayket broghfurth and buryd I bewethe to Sr Henr̄ Romsbothm p^r^st to

pray devowtly for the salvatyon of my saylle and all x̃piane saylles iij^{s} iiij^{d} To John Pycoppe the sone of John Pycoppe one horse foolle Also to John Pycoppe hỹ selphe and Elloñ hiȝ wyffe one mattesse and too of my best covlettes To Sr Thoms Holden pst and Rycd Gregorye my brother all my pt of thos yves wych standyne att the Wolfenden Bothe w^{t} Edmuñ Horsworth To John Nuttow all my pt of thos yves wych standyne w^{t} hỹ and vij^{s} vj^{d} of money wych is in hỹ hande To the wyffe of Robt Durden one holde blacke covlett To John Gregorye my brother one holde payre of blacke hoosse and one holde jackett To George Durden one leyther doblet To the sayd Sr Thoms Holden one holde blacke clooke To Agnes Harppẽ yf my dettes be recovyde iij^{s} iiij^{d} To iiij^{re} schyldyn of the afore sayd John Pycoppe echon xij^{d} To the sedenayse chappell in Rossendayle that the decaes [?] ỹof may be bett uphuldyne and my saylle prayde fore ỹ for ev iij^{s} iiij^{d} ffynyally what so ev remaynyth of my gudde &c. I bewethe it to ye sayd Sr Thoms Holden pst John Nuttow yemã and Rycd Gregorye my brother to take the paynes to be my executo^{rs} In wyttenes whereof to thes psentes I have sbscribed my name the day and yere above rehersed Thes wyttenes Sr Thoms Holden curet Rycd Harppẽ Olyv Holt Edmnd Pycoppe and John Pycoppe. Sr George Gregorye +

Hec sunt debita quæ ego debeo The schappell of Rossendayle xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Edmnd Pycoppe xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Hec sunt debita quæ mihi debent^{r} John alias Jenkyne Lord xxx^{s} Perys Hey v^{s} Sr Rycd Mychell pst iij^{s} iiij^{d} Elle Holt ij^{s} Henr Hey xviij^{d} Relcta John Buttworth xij^{d} The chapell ryves of Rossondayle iij^{re} wats wayges y^{t} is to say Wyllyhm Hasworth viij^{s} iij^{d} John Nuttow ix^{d} Alexand^{r} Haworth viij^{s} iij^{d} John Tattsall viij^{s} vij^{d} ob Ryc Wytteworth vij^{s} x^{d} ob Xpofl Brygche vij^{s} x^{d} ob

The Invetorye of the gud of Sr George Gregorye pst p^{r}sed w^{t} Alexand^{r} Haworth John Tattsall Thurston Bertwyssell and John

Pycoppe In p^r^mis one foole x^s^ — vij yardeȝ of carssay ix^s^ iiij^d^ — iij coȝlettes iij^s^ vj^d^ — one mattresse ij^s^ — one holde gawne ij^s^ viij^d^ — one holde clooke ij^s^ — one leyther dublet xx^d^ — ij holde jackettes iij^s^ iiij^d^ — ij holde cappes xvj^d^ — one holde sacke vj^d^ — ij yves vj^s^ viij^d^ — one holde saddell vj^d^

THE WILL OF WILLIAM MASCY OF RIXTON, ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. the 18 Maye 15[38] 30 Henry 8 wyttnes that I Wyllyam [Mascy of Rixton] esquyer in the parish of Werȳton wythin the contye of Lancaster sycke in my body &c. To bee beryte in Ryxton Chapell w^t^in ye paressh chyrch afor sayd I beqwethe to the hee auter of Werȳton one heffer inn recūpens of all my theythyds and owther deutys neleg̃tely forgeyten yf the p̃son wyl sowe accept . . . . . the sayd p̃son to haue as the lawe wyll gyff hym To my executorrs viij ponde to the yuse of a pryst for ij yere to praye for my sowle and all kyrsteyne sowls I wyll that my fowr executore haue ychyn of them a blacke garment and Thomasse Ayston my son in lay Robert Massy Thomasse Tayleer Jhamy Coke Wyllyam Coldalle Jhon Clarke my servante . . . . . of them a blacke jhaket to praye for my sowle and all kyrstyn sowlle I wyll that my broder Ha[mnet] haue a stagge and my broder Jhamys my baye stagge and my broder Rychard on geldynge To Elyn Ayston for hyr paynys takyng v^os^ To Jhon Foxe iij^os^ iiij^d^ To Aston Chapell to mayntene Godde servyse ther . . . . . and to the chapel of the Holyne Grene on calfe to mayntene Goddys servyse ther To my moder my whyte geldyng and a heffur therw^t^ to kepe upe ther in

[1] No date of probate.

the chapel of Stretton afore ye ymage of syne [Saint] Saveur iij syrgys sow long as the stocke wyl indure To Thomasse Tayler my grene jhaket and my whyte festaen dowbelet I wyll my fadur Starkye y^e ꝑson of Werberton and my broder Jhamys . . . . . byllys of Sr Wyllyam Massy prest and Thomasse Tayler and recū w^t them and se that the be recūpensyd what sowev̄ I am be hynd w^t them To my sayd son in lay and to hys wyf ij kye and ye best flocke bed in the hosse [house] w^t ij cov̄lettꝭ ij blanketꝭ a bolster and a payre of shetys and x bochell of bar[ley] and x of owtꝭ I wyll that Wyllyam Coldall [have] my whyt howrse and that Thomass Tayller haue my bocler [buckler] I wyll that Jhonn Massy my soñ haue my blacke ambellyng colte and Thomasse my sone my sworde I make my executerrꝭ my fader Starkye the ꝑson of Werberton my broder Jhamys Sr Wyllyam Massye I wyll that my sayd executerrꝭ for there paynys takyng haue ychyn of thē xx^os I wyll that all my other gudys be devydyt amongꝭ my wyfe Jhon Massy Thomas M. my sonnys Ane M. and Mergret M. my dorthers acordyng after the corse and forme of the laye [law] I hertely desyre my wellbeloued fryndꝭ Wyllyam Rattlyff of Urdsall [Ordsall] son and ayre aparente of Sir Alysander Ratlyf Knyght and Jhonn Aston of Aston son and ayre of Thomas Aston of Aston swyerꝭ to be ov̄searꝭ In wyttnes wherof I the sayd Wyllyam Massye eswyer to this my last wyll haue set to my seylle Thyse beying wyttnes Rychard Starkye my broder Hamet Massye Wyllyam Pēket chapplayn Jhon Lawe prest Perys Penkesmā w^t other The daye and yer above wryten.

THE WILL OF JAMES GRENEHALGHE, GENT.[1]

IN Dei noïe amen 19 Marcii 1523 [1523-4] Ego Jacobus Grenehalghe gent compos mentis &c. Lego aiãm &c. corpusque meū ad sepeliend in ecclia sive cancello de Bury Lego optim aïall meum noïe mortuarii mei pdecimis oblacoïnbꝫ seu aliis quibus cumque p me neclegent facť et omis. I bequeythe as moche of my goodꝑ to a pste to seng iij trentalls oon trentall ffor my father sawill and other for my mother sawill the iijd for my sawill and my wifꝑ Annes I giffe the gude will of my tenamente that I dwell in to my wife Mergett as longe as schoo kepꝑ hur wedo to bryng up her schildur wt all and also of Bury Mylne in like case if itt please my lorde[2] to suffur theym to haue theym like as other tennādꝑ of the same lordschip has theyrs And if scho take anny husbande aft my decesse thenn I giffe my gude will unto Thomas my sonne I will yt myne executors do liv a boxe of evidens to the gud man of Brandilishohm yt I hade in ane arke yt I lost the keys of qwen I livit his heyvydens to hym and durst not schowe hȳ of theȳ for anguryng hym aft lest he scholde haue thoght it hade benne for some other cawse Residuum vro omū bonoꝭ meoꝭ do et lego Margaretæ uxī meæ et Thomæ filio Elanæ et Johanæ fil meis quos Margaretā uxē meā et Tomā filiū meū ordino et constituo meos executores I orden if [it] will please my gude Maister Alexander Ratklyffe knyght and Ric̃ Smethe[3] klyrke pson of Bury to be supvisers In wittenes heroff I haue setto my seall Theys wittenes Rog Holtt Bertylmew Holtt John Halle psts Lauř Qwethede[4] and Thomas Qwethede and other. Jamys Grenehalghe.

[1] No date of probate.

[2] The Earl of Derby, the manerial lord of Bury.

[3] An active Rector, the founder of a chantry in his church, and styled one of the Pope's pardoners in Lancashire. — *Lanc. MSS.*

[4] Whitehead of Field House in the parish of Bury, an old family of lesser gentry.

THE WILL OF HENRY HAMER OF HAMER, YEOMAN.[1]

IN the name &c. 18 Januarye 1572 [1572-3] I Henrye Hamer of Hamer in the countye of Lanc̃ yoman sycke in bodye &c. To be buryed in the churche or churche yorde of Rachdale or els where yt shall please God to apoynte All my goodẹ cattellẹ and dettẹ shall be equallye into three ptẹ devydyd whereof my wyfe Alys Hamer shall haue one pte and Gyles Hamer my younger son shall haue one oy̅ pte And the thyrde pte I gyve in mah̅ hereaftr ensuynge To ev̅y chylde wch I ham grandfather unto ev̅y one of them xijd To ev̅y chylde wch I ham godfather unto ev̅y one of them vjd To Robert Clerke my srvande vjs viijd To Hughe Hill my srvande xijd To Agnes Hamer my srvande xiijs iiijd To Jane Holt my srvande xijd To the wyfe of Edmūd Heywarde iijs iiijd To Charles Hamer xxd To Agnes Wordyll ijs To the wyfe of Edm̄de Wordyll ijs To Gyles Hamer th'elder vjs viijd To ev̅y chylde wch the sayd Gyles shall have at the dey of my deathe ev̅y of them vjd To Cateryn Hamer vjs viijd To the wyfe of John Scholfeld xs To Edm̄de Haworthe and Randull Haworthe whom I

[1] Proved May 12th, 1573. It may be assumed that the testator was a very aged man at his death, as in a letter to the Chancellor, dated Rochdale 1573, the Rev. Richard Midgley, the Vicar, stated that "Alice Hamer of Hamer the relict was unable to travel to the Court at Chester to prove the will, being of the great age of 88 years and encompassed with sondrie infirmities," and therefore the will was sent by her "lovinge friends" James Halliwell of Ealees and James Marland of Marland.—*Lanc. MSS.* The testator was the head of a family possessed of feudal estates in Hamer in the 14th century which descended to his lineal representative James Hamer Esq., a Justice of the Peace and Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Lancaster, who alienated them in 1809 to John Entwisle of Foxholes Esq. Mr. Hamer died in Liverpool in 1838, leaving male issue surviving. The present large and handsome hall is said to have been re-built about 1750 by Mrs. Hamer, sister of Sir Henry Ibbotson of Denton Park Bart.

ham grandfather eȳ of them xx^s To Jane the wyfe of Arther Buckeley xx^s To Agnes the wyfe of Thom̄s Redferne xiij^s iiij^d To Gedete Hamer xxxiij^s iiij^d To the repatyon of Hamer mylne brydge and Heybrocke brydge iij^s iiij^d to be bestowed at the dyscretyon of my son Elys Hamer To my sayd son Elys Hamer one mucke weyne wth leaves one plowe one harowe wth tethe [teeth] in one yoke one peyre of clevys [?] ij greate bourdꝑ standinge w^thin the howse at Hamer one cofer wch hathe the evydence in one stone trowghe and one garner to contynue as ij herelomes and all my tythe corne and greyne yerlye growynge upon my demayne of Hamer Dowryeheye and Wylrode paynge yerlye for the same the rentꝑ of iij^s v^d to John Byron esquier or hys ex̄rs ꝑvydyd alweys that the sayd Elys H. shall imedyatle aft^r my decesse paye for the same tythe unto my seyd executors the sum̄e of xxx^s To Gyles Hamer my son one of the three arkꝑ in the bower wch he wyll chuse and th'elder saltynge keyre I gyve the oȳ saltynge keyre unto Arthure Buckeley my son in lawe All my yron ware belongynge to husbandrye to Gyles Hamer my son and Arther Buckeley my son in law equallye to be devydyd betwene them To Alys my wyfe the beste fetherbed wth bolster the beste coȳlett ij beste shetꝑ and ij beste blankettꝑ The reste of my ꝑte of goodꝑ I frelye gyve &c. them unto Alys my seyd wyfe and Arther Buckeley my son in law equally to be devydid betwene them I ordeyne my welbeloved wyfe Alys Hamer and Gyles H. my sayd son my executors I also desyre my sayd son Elys H. and my god son Robert Entwyssyll to assyste my seyd executors as oȳseers In ꝑsens &c. Wyllm Asheton John Holt Robert Haworthe . . . . . hyll Edm̄de Butt^rworthe Robert Entwyssyll wth others.

THE WILL OF ANNE MORE OF LIVERPOOL, WIDOW.[1]

[THE early part of the will is quite decayed.] My bodie to be buried w^th^in ye parishe churche . . . . . the said countie at the discreation of my executore I geve unto my sonne Wiłłm More of ye Banck Howse aforesaid esquier my best sylver salte gilte the wch at this p̃nte remaineth in his owne custodie and possession one sylver cupp gilte wth a cover called a smale drinkinge cuppe one paire of greate racke of iron sixe silver spoones with the apostles on the ende thereof To my sonne in lawe John Crosse Esquiere one yoke of draughte oxen viz. the beste yoke save one a corne waine with shod wheeles one paire of broad fflaxen sheete twoe of my best pillowebeares, ffyve curtaines of sylke of colours yelowe and redde, and one cupbord cloth of stained worke To my sonne in lawe Nicholas ffazakerley gent my best ffether bedd and ye bolster to the same one standinge bedd and a wheelebed in ye parlor where I was accustomed to lye with ffyve sylke curtaines to the same of colors redd and grene my best caddowe my best coveringe one fflatt bowle of silver wth a cover to the same my best mantle one basin and a ewer of pewter one London pottell potte of pewter my best chafyng dish and my best table carpett To my sonne Robert M. gent my best . . . . . eat sylver cupp gilte and the cover to the same a sylver salte wth a cover percell gylte one dozen of sylver spoones wth knepp̃e at the ende thereof fower whereof are in the custodie of his wyffe To my sonne James M. one sylver pece called ye pounced

[1] Proved 7th February, 1589 [1589-90]. Anne, daughter and heiress of Thomas Hawarden of Chester, married John More of Bank Hall Esq., by whom she had five sons and two daughters, William (ancestor of Colonel John More, governor of Liverpool for the parliament), James, Thomas, Robert, Anthony, Alys and Mary. — *Add. MSS.* British Museum 12,477 p. 27.

pece one silver salte percell gilte wthoute a cover and sixe sylver spoones To my sonne Anthonie M. a flatt boule of sylver wthoute a cover and sixe sylver spoones To Roberte ffazakerley sonne to my said son in lawe Nicholas ff. one sylver spoone wth ye appostle on the ende thereof Nevertheles my will is y^{t} Mr Robert ff. his graundfather shall haue ye use and possession thereof duringe his naturall lyffe And to the said Robert ff. ye yonger one colte which he shall make choise of To Anne M. daughter of my said sonne Anthonye ffyve pounde and one sylver spoone wth a maidens heade on the ende and my sonne Willm M. and my son in lawe John Crosse shall putt forth the said sume of ffyve pounde to ye most proffeete of the said Anne untill shee shall come to lawfull age To my cosin John More sonne and heire apparente to my said sonne Willm M. one brewinge panne in a corbe in ye brewhowse a brewinge cowmbe to the same and the stonne trogh thereunto belonginge one other stonne trogh for ye use of swyne meate wth one kneydinge turnell And all the borde in ye kitchen mylkehowse and larder all the sylinge and wainescott in the hall and plor wth all the hanginge in the plor one cupborde in the buttrie viz. that cupborde wch standeth at the upper ende there wth all shoolves in the same buttrie shall remaine to the onelie use of the said John M. his executore &c. To my three servaunte John Willmsonn Anne his wyf and Robert Bolton to everie one of theim twentie shillinge To the same Anne wyffe to the said John Willmsonn one brasse potte called the gallon potte ffower pewter dishes of those that are occupied in the howse one paire of towheard sheete one whyte blanquett of my owne makinge and one litle bolster lyinge wth me in pawne for twoe shillinge or els twoe shillinge in money To Anne Walker daughter of Willm Walker decessed mye god daughter nowe beinge my servante maide one yonge heffer to goe forward with her To Margaret Cooke my servante maide one brasse potte wch was her ffathers lyinge to me in pawne for tenne shillinge or els tenne shillinge in

money Yt is my will y^t the sum̄e of eighte poundꝭ three shillingꝭ foure pence owinge to Katherin Bavand widowe by me shalbe paide I geve &c. to be distributed amonge the poore people of Lyverpoole the sum̄e of twentie sixe shillingꝭ eight pence either in money or ..... at the discreation of my executorꝭ All the rest of my goodꝭ &c. I geve to my three yonger sonnes to wete Roberte M. James M. and Anthony M. equallie to be devided amongeste theim I make my sonne Roberte M. and my son in lawe Nicholas ffazakerley[1] my executorꝭ And to be supervisors of the same I desyre my sonne Wiłłm M. and my sonne in lawe John Crosse In wytnes &c.

THE WILL OF JOHN CHARNOCKE OF FARINGTON, GENT.[2]

IN the name &c. 2 Nov. 1571 I John Charnocke of ffarrington in the countye of Lancaster gent of good and p̄fecte mynde &c. My bodye to be buryed in the churche yarde of Leylond at the chauncell end nere unto the place where the bodyes of my ffather and mother were buryed or in suche other place where yt shall please God to take me owte of this worlde unto his m̄cye I gyve unto Jahne my wief all my landes tenementꝭ &c. in ffulwood wch I latelye purchesed of my late Mr Sr Antonye Broune Knight decessed

[1] Nicholas ffazakerley of ffazakerley Esq. married Mary, and John Crosse of Liverpool Esq. Alice, daughters of the testatrix.

[2] Proved April, 1574. Richard Charnock of Charnock gent. married first Isabel, daughter of William (Nicholas, *Harl. MSS.* 1437) Clayton of Leyland, by whom he had William his son and heir, *John the testator*, Anne married first Edmund Sergeant and secondly Robert Barker, Jenet wife of Christopher Gradwell, and Cicely the wife of William Gradwell of Euxton. — Visitation in Chetham's Library. Richard Charnock married secondly Agnes, daughter of William Fletcher of Samlesbury, and had issue Roger and Alice, who married John Sumner of Ulneswalton. — *Harl. MSS.* 890, fo. 75 b.

nowe in [my] tenure and my tenement in ffarrington wch I latelye purchesed of Sr Thoms Hesketh Knight nowe in the tenure of me the sayd John and the wief of Nycholas Hodson and all those pcells of land called Conylache als Comylache in Leylond wch I latelye purchesed of the sayd Sr Antonye Broune and twoo acres of medowe in Leylond wch I latelye purchesed of the sayd Sr Thoms H. Knight and that tente in Ulneswalton nowe in the tenure of the wief of Thoms Graydell and Xpofer Graydell her son wch I latelye purchesed of my sayd late Mr Antonye Broune and all my pte of the turbarye of Penworthame called Penworthame Mosse wch I latelye purchesed of Sr Thoms Gerrarde Knyght and my tenement called Myddlewood in Acton als Aughton in [my] tenure and my copiholde landes in Penworthame in the tenure of Rauf Werdon wch I purchesed of Thoms Serieant And I gyve &c. unto Jahne my wief all my landes tenemente &c. in ffulwood Penwortham ffarrington Leylond Ulneswalton Croston and Acton als Aughton or ells where w^thin the countye of Lancaster during [her] naturall lyef And after the decesse of the sayd Jahne my wief I gyve &c. all my sayd landes and tenemente in ffulwood unto Willm Charnocke my brothers son and his heyres for ev I gyve all my tenem^t called Middlewood after the decesse [as before] unto Roger Charnocke my brother his heyres for ev And I gyve my tenement in Ulneswalton after [as before] unto Willm Graydell my nevewe son unto Xpofer Graydell his heyres for ev I gyve th'one half of all the pcelle of land called Conylache als Comylache and th'alf of those twoo acres of medowe wch I latelye purchesed of the sayd Sr Thoms Heskethe in Leylond after [as before] unto John Sumpner my brother in lawe and Alys his wief during theyr lyves I gyve all my sayd copyholde landes in Penwortham in the tenure of the sayd Rauf Werdon after &c. unto Alys Kytchyn wief to Barnabe K. gent. and late wief to Willm fforshay gent. decessed and to John fforshay my godson son and heyre apparent of the sayd Willm and

to the longer lyver of them I gyve all my pte of the turbarye of Penwortham after &c. unto Robt Charnocke of Asteley esquyer and to [his] heires males The resydue of all my sayd landes tenementę &c. I gyve unto Thoms C. my nevew son and heyre apparent of Willm C. my brother decessed and to [his] heyres males I gyve unto the poore in Leylond pyshe xx^{li} and to the poore in Croston pyshe xx^{li} the same to be dystrybuted in syxe yeres on evye Pashon Sonday in eyther of the sayd pyshes iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} To the repacons of the churche of Croston iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} And to the churche of Leylond xx^{s} To Willm C. my brothers son towardę his exhibicon to manteyne hym in his service xx^{li} To Willm Graydell my nevew other xx^{li} And further I gyve to the sayd Willm C. and Willm G. yerelye duryng the lyef of Jahne my wyef eyther of them xx^{s} To Roger Ch. my brother x^{li} and xx^{s} yerelye during the lyef of Jahne my wief To Richard Shawe my servnnte one annuytye of vj^{s} viij^{d} to be payd hym yerelye during his naturall lyef oute of my tente in ffarington in the tenure of the wief of Nicholas Hodson To Anne Cyslye and Elysabeth my servnnte women evye one xl^{s} To Willm Mondewe xl^{s} To Willm Exton xl^{s} and to Adam Mondewe xl^{s} To Gefraye Pemerton xx^{s} To Jahne Graydell x^{li} To Raut Exton xx^{s} To the wief of Xpofer Graydell my sister the wief of Willm Graydell my sister and to Margaret my sister the wief of John Sumpner my sister and the wief of Willm Chernocke my sister in lawe evye one of them one olde angell and to evye one of theyr children ij^{s} a pese To Peter Chernocke my godson xx^{s} and to evye one of my godchildren ij^{s} a pese To young Mr Worsley and his wief eyther a gold ring for a remembrunce To my cosen Alys fforshay one ring of golde blacke enamyled To Thoms Charnocke my nevew one yocke of steres and xx^{s} yerelye to be payd oute of Penwortham Mosse during my wyfę lyef yf the sayd Thoms be frendlye to my sayd wief To my cosen Mr Robt Charnocke my best gelding and my bruche of golde and also my best sylver drinking cuppe w^{ch}

cuppe to be delyv̄ed at the decesse of my wief unto the sayd Robt or unto his eldest son to remayne at Asteley for an heyrelome for ever and to my cosen his wief one ring of golde The rev̄sion of all my goodę and chattallę my funerall expensis and debtę dyscharged I gyve to Jahne my wief After the decesse of Jahne my wief Willm Graydell to have the lease of Clayton demayne wch I and my wief doe holde by lease of my worshippfull Mr Mr Edmunde Huddlestone esquyer and his wief To my sayd Mr and Mris to eyther of them foure olde ryalls of golde, desyring them bothe to be frendlye unto my wief and to all my poore frendę as nede shall requyre I constitute &c. Jahne my wief my executryxe I desyre the right worshippfull Sr Thoms Hesketh Knight and my veraye assured trustye frend Mr Robt Chernocke of Asteley esquyer to be supvysors hereof And to the sayd Sr Thoms Hesketh I doe gyve three olde ryalls of golde for a small &c. In wytnes &c. by me John Charnoke.

[The signature autograph. No witnesses.]

THE WILL OF JOHN TALBOT OF WHALLEY, GENT.[1]

IN the name &c. 30 Aprill 1594 I John Talbotte of Whalley gentleman sicke in bodie &c. To be buried in the parishe churche of Whalley I give unto my cosine Mr Thomas Talbotte of Bashall in the countie of Yorke esquier all interest &c. which I have in the Greate Barne the Gylle Close the Great Toftes the Milne Ynges and the Springe in Swinden in Craven in the countie of Yorke pcell of the inheritance of the said Thomas T. [and] all

[1] Proved Dec. 12, 1594. John Talbot gent of the Inner Temple, London, was a natural son of Thomas Talbot of Bashall Esq. — Whitaker's *Craven*, p. 24.

leasses and writinge touchinge the premisses To Elizabethe my wiffe and to her assignes my lease ffarminge housses and growndes whiche I haue by lease of Mr Iustice Walmysley in Billington and Wilpshire laite the inheritaunce of one Richard Cunliffe To James Ashtone of Chadderton esquire my sonne in lawe and to Anne my daughter nowe wiffe unto the said James twoe leasses whiche I haue of two messuage and tenite &c. in Bashall whiche I haue by the demisse of my said cosine Mr Thomas T. the one of them laite in tenure &c. of one Alexander Parker commonlie called the Rishey als Horsey and th'other of them in the tenure &c. of one Martine Coulthurste To my said cosine Mr Thomas T. of Bashall xli to th'intente that the said T. T. shall cause to be maid one silver bowle gilded for the use of the said T. T. and my cosine his wiffe To Mr Justice Walmysley xxs and to his bedfelowe and Mr Thomas his sonne eyther of them xs To Mr Ralphe Ashton of Whalley esquire and his wiffe eyther of them xs To Mr Willm ffarington[1] esquire my brother in lawe and my sister his wiffe and theire three sonnes everie one of them xs To Mr Robte Holden of Holden esquire xs To my brother in lawe John Pker of Extwissill[2] xls and unto Richard Crombocke sonne of Willm C. my godsonne xxs And to John Crombocke sonne of Richard C. laite of Wiswall my godsonne xxs To my cosine Elline Langtree xs To Mr Thomas Hartegreave of Chadderton a paire of blacke satine hose and to Mr Willm Ashton servante there a paire of tur taffitie hose To Thomas Skofeild a paire of newe buffe hose and to Willm Willson servant to the said James Ashton a newe cloke which I laste maid I give to Locke the horse keep my white cloke and to Henrie Blackeborne my raper and to Banckes my daggar To John Smithe my quiver and all my

[1] For an interesting life of this remarkable man see Canon Raines's Introduction to *The Stanley Papers*, part ii. Chetham series.

[2] The want of a good pedigree of this old and well connected family, now represented by Robert Townley Parker Esq. of Extwisle and Cuerden, is much to be regretted.

arrowes and to Mr Richard Ashton of Downhame my steele bowe To my sister Aspden xxs To John Leighe and Jenete Cooke servantę to Mr Ralphe Ashton aforesaid either of them vs To Robte Etaughe my servant xls and to Agnes Yngham my maid-servant xs and to Thomas Chidde my servant xs and Willm Pettie my beste blacke cloke To Willm Crombocke of Clerkhill my Skottishe daggar To Elizabethe nowe my wiffe all such gold silver coyne plaite howsholde stuffe horses one cowe with all such beddinge linnen arkes chistę &c. as I haue prouided for houskeepinge Allso where dyvers psons haue borrowed dyvers somes of money of mee as doth appere by theire bonndes yt is my will that in evy obligacon that the some ys xxijli I doe give to the debtor the odde xls and in everie obligacon that is xjli I doe give to the debtor the odde xxs and soe in everie other obligacon being lesser some after the same rate upon condicon that all such debtors shall pay theire money at theire dayes and they that will not paie the money at theire daye shall lose the benefite of my gifte To James Ashton of Chadderton my sonne in lawe and to Anne my daughter his wiffe the residewe of all debtę by bill or bonnd as ys owing unto me Whereas I haue paied him greate somes of money as he and I did agree upon wth my daughter in mariage I trust he will augement her ffeoftment consideringe what I give him as he will answere me in another worlde To Elizabethe my wiffe my lease of the tythe corne of Cunliffe The resydewe of all my goodes I give &c. unto Elizabethe my wiffe I ordaine &c. Thomas Talbotte esquire my cosine and my brother in lawe John Pker of Extwissell my executors Witnesses Robte Osbaldeston &c.

THE WILL OF EDWARD HALSALL OF HALSALL ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. 27 April 1594 Be yt knowen to all men that I Edward Halsall of Halsall in the countie of Lanc̃ esquier make this my last will &c. ffyrst I com̄ytt my self whollie to the mercie of Almightie Godd by whoise grace I trust to die a member of his Catholyke churche And my will is that my bodie be beryed (yf yt convenientlie may be) in the p̣isshe churche or chauncell of Halsall wishinge (although yt maye seme but a vanitie) that suche p̣tes of the bodie of Ursula my late wief and of Richard H. my sonne as shall then remayne unconsumed maye be taken owt of the p̣isshe churche of Prescott where they were buryed and layd in grave withe me where also I am verye desirous to haue Anne nowe my wief (when Godd shall call for her) lykewise to lie yf yt may so stand with Godd̊ pleasure to the ende that wee may alltogether joyfullie ryse at the last daye to live as my hope is wee shall with Christ our Lord ev̄lastinglie in his glorious kyngdome I give to my god son Maister Henrye Stanley[2] his sonne on angell of gold And to Maistres Dorythie his suster wief of my cosyn Cuthbert

[1] Proved June 6th, 1594. Edward Halsall, Esq., though not mentioned in the Visitation of 1567, was a younger son of Sir Henry Halsall of Halsall Knight by Margaret, daughter of James Stanley. See his brother's will pp. 35-37 *supra*. He was Recorder of Liverpool in 1572, was Mayor of the same town in the years 1579 and 1586, and died in 1593, æt 76. — Gregson's *Fragments*, second edition, p. *221. The testator married first Ursula, daughter of ..... by whom he had a son Richard, who died before his father, and secondly Anne, daughter of Mr. Foulke Dutton of Chester, and widow of John Webster, Alderman of Chester, and had no issue by her. He was succeeded in the Halsall estates by Mr. Cuthbert Halsall, afterwards Sir Cuthbert Halsall Knight.

[2] Henry Stanley Esq., natural son of Henry Earl of Derby, ancestor of the Stanleys of Broughton Hall, near Manchester.

Halsall one other angell To my welbeloved dowghter in lawe Anne Leche late wief to Maister Robt Leche[1] doctor of lawe and late chauncelor of Chester one angell of gold To my godson Edward Leche sonne of the said Mr Robt L. xls And to Thomas L. Robert L. and Willm L. his bretherne evy of theym xs in gold or sylver To Anne Leche doughter of the said Mr Robt L. in consideracon of her servisable attendaunce upon me twentie pounde towarde her pferment in mariage yf she be not maryed before my decesse and yf she be then one angell of gold as a remembrance of my gudd will towarde her To Alice Leche one other dowghter of the said Robt L. xxs To Thomas Eccleston sonne of my cosyn Thomas Eccleston of Eccleston nere Knowseley esquier decessed the some of vjli xiijs iiijd so that he will accept the same in full recompense and satisfacon of suche porcon of goode as came (as he ptendeth) to my hande after the deathe of his said father as his reasonable porcon or childe pte of goodes whiche said some (all thinge betwene us accompted and allowed) dothe in my conscience farr excede the value of the remayne of goode by me supposed to be receyvid To my welbeloved cosy Henry Eccleston of Eccleston esquier one fatt oxxe To Thomas Foxxe and John Halsall my servante either of theym one of my geldinge at the discrecon of myne executors and to either of their wiefe one angell of gold To my suster Grace Coney xxs to bestowe upon some thinge at her pleasure as a remembraunce of me Myne executor shall bestowe upon my godson

[1] Robert Leche LL.D., Chancellor of Chester in 1562, was second son of George Leche, Alderman of Chester, second son of John Leche of Carden Esq. by Margaret, daughter aud heiress of John (George) Manwaring of Ightfield, and was buried at Malpas 5th November 1587. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 87, vol. ii. p. 207. The Chancellor married Anne, daughter and heiress of John Webster, Alderman of Chester by Anne, daughter of Foulke Dutton of Chester, by whom he had issue Sir Edward Leche of Shipley, Thomas, Robert and William, Anne wife of Robert Moore of Liverpool, and Alice who married John Brettargh of Brettargh Holt. —*Harl. MSS.* 2119, fol. 97.

Edward Heskeyne one heffer calf of one yere old and upon evy other my godsonnes xij^{d} saving to Edward Halsall sonne of my cosyn Gilbt Halsall and to Edward Foxxe sonne of the said Thomas Foxxe to either of whom I give one crowne of gold or fyve shillinge in silver at the discrecon of myne executor To evy of my howsehold servante waringe my liverye at the tyme of my decesse iij^{s} iiij^{d} And to evy other my servante xij^{d} beside their wages To my cosyn Cuthbert Halsall (who is to succede me in the howse of Halsall) all my booke of what sort so ev the same be to remayne in save keping in the said howse to the use of the ownours thereof and of their children apt to the studie of the comon lawe of this realme or to other lernynge as a memoriall of the good will wch I do beare (as I am bounden) towarde the said howse The residewe of all my goode &c. I give to my welbeloved wief Anne Halsall And for as muche as my howse in Eccleston afforesaid their buylded to my great charge shuld upon a sooden after my decesse be utterlie dispoyled and all together left naked and bare of suche implemente of howsehold as I have with some coste pvided for the furniture thereof my will therefore further is that my said frende of trust Henry Eccleston esquier[1] Thomas Foxxe and John Halsall my servante shall suffer my said wief to use all the ambres cupborde leades &c. in my said howse at Eccleston for her naturall lief and after her decesse suche other pson as shall then be ownour of the said howse by the lymytacon of certen other conveyaunce by me made concynynge my lande and tente in Eccleston Sutton and Ditton and so there to remayne as heire lomes from tyme to tyme so longe as the same shall last After my debtes and legacies shalbe fullie discharged all the rest of the goodes and cattalle [except] suche tymber in Halsall and Eccleston and in Wyndle whiche at the tyme of my decesse shall

[1] Henry Eccleston, grandson of John Eccleston of Eccleston Esq. by Katherine, daughter of Sir Henry Halsall Knight, and sister of the testator. — *Suffield MSS.*

remayne unwrought shall be devided into twoe equall ꝑtes and that my said frendꝭ of trust shall delyv̄ the one of the said ꝑtes so devided to my said wief at her choice to use and bestowe at her pleasure The other moytie of the said goodes and cattallꝭ to be likewyse devided into twoe other equall ꝑtes and that my said frendꝭ of trust shall as a monument of my gud will towardꝭ my said wief delyv̄ the one ꝑte thereof to her at her choice to use at her pleasure upon hope that she will stand gudd aunte to my servant Thomas Dutton her cosyn to whom I do onelie give the some of iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} upon trust that she will extend her gudnes further towardꝭ hym then the value of so small a legacie My said ffrendꝭ shall bestowe so moche of the other ꝑte of the said goodes and of the tymber before excepted as shall suffise for the fynishing of the buildinge of the schole howse at Halsall whiche I have beggune to erect and sett upe there And to the ende that the evidences and wrytingꝭ towchinge my landꝭ and tentꝭ appoynted to certen uses by me made maye be savelie kept and p̄served my will is that my said wief who is to enioye the said landꝭ and tentꝭ ymediatlye after my decesse shall have the kepinge of the said evidences and wrytingꝭ for defence of her estate and by her to be left to my said cosyn Henry Eccleston and to the heires males of his bodie lawfullie begotten for defence of their estate in the said landꝭ and tentꝭ duringe the contynuaunce of their estate therein And to the entent it maye be knowen what ꝑcellꝭ of evidencꝭ are to be demanded in that behalf I meane Godd willing to cause true copies or brief notes thereof to be wryt into a booke to be subscrybed with my hand and name and the same to leave in the custodie of the lordꝭ of the mano^{r} of Halsall in savetie amongest their evidencꝭ in the mansion howse comonlye called the hall of Halsall so that they who shall be enforced to use suche suyte may have accesse thereunto when occasion shall require I make my said wief Anne H. myne executrix and my said trustie and faithfull cosyn Henry Eccleston esquier and my said servantꝭ Thomas ffoxxe

and John Halsall supvisours thereof If my said wief do refuse to take upon her the pformance of this my will then I make my said servant John Halsall executor of the same In wittines &c.

THE WILL OF ALICE PENDLETON, WIDOW.[1]

IN the name &c. the (*sic*) daye of (*sic*) 1588 I Alyce Pendylton widowe late wyffe of George P. late of Manchester draper beinge in good health &c. I comytt my bodye to christian buriall in the chappell called Jesus chappell within the parishe churche of Manchest^r as neare unto my late husbande as may be or els where yt shall please God to appoynte I give unto my sonne in lawe Mr. John Croxton[2] and to my daught^r Cicelye his wyffe one hundreth poundes in money betwixte theym Unto George Croxton Geoffrey C. and Suzanna C. three of the children of the saide John C. begotten of ye bodie of my saide daughter Cycelie threescore poundes equallye to be devided emongste theym To Alice C. daughter of the saide John C. and lykewyse begotten of ye bodye of my saide daughter Cycelye the sum̄e of ffortye poundes To my brother John Gee six poundes thirtene shillinges ffowre pence To my brother Henry Gee tenne poundes To my three bretherne Raphe G. Thomas G. and ffrauncys G. ffortye shillinges a piece To my brother Edwarde G. tenne poundes To my mother Elizabeth G. six poundes thirtene shillinges ffowre pence To John G. sonne of

[1] Proved July 31, 1591.

[2] John, son and heir of William Croxton of Ravenscroft co. Cest. gent., married Cicely, daughter [and heiress] of George Pendleton of Manchester, afterwards wife of Robert, younger son of Henry Mainwaring of Carincham. He died 41 Elizabeth, and was grandfather of Thomas Croxton of Ravenscroft, a colonel in the service of the Parliament and governor of Chester. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 111.

my saide brother John G. ffortye shillinges To Edwarde G. sonne of my brother Raphe G. three poundes six shillinges eighte pence To Edwarde G. Henry G. Elizabeth G. and Margaret G. sonnes and daughters of my brother Henrye G. eighte poundes equallye to be devyded emongste theym To my sister Elizabeth Bispham ffortye shillinges and one blacke gowne To my sister Anne Attersbye twentye shillinges and one blacke gowne To my mayde servaunte Margaret twentye shillinges and a gowne and a peticoate of my owne apparell Unto my other maide servaunte Dorothie twentye shillinges and a gowne and a peticote of my owne apparell I give all ye reste of my apparell unto my saide daughter Cycelye Croxton To Rycharde Adlington one blacke cloake and tenne shillinge To my saide sonne in lawe John C. and to my saide bretherne John G. Henry G. Raphe G. Thomas Edwarde and ffrancys G. and to John G. sonne unto my saide brother John and to Edwarde and Henry G. sonnes unto my saide brother Henry and to my welbeloved ffrende Mr Thomas Goodyeare[1] to e^v^ye one of theym a mourninge cloake To my mother Elizabeth G. to Mrs Croxton mother to my sonne in lawe John C. my daughter Cycelye C. my brother John G. his wyffe my brother Henry G. his wyffe my brother Raphe G. his wyffe my brother Thomas G. his wyffe and to ye relicte of ffrancys Pendilton to e^v^ye one of theym a mourninge gowne To Alyce G. daughter of my saide brother Raphe G. twentye shillinge And to Genet Pilkinton a ffryse gowne alreadye made I give &c. all my parte of my best silver salte and of my best goblet and silv^v^ potte unto ye saide George C. sonne unto my sonne in lawe John C. and the one halffe of all ye rest of my pte of household stuffe ymplemente of howseholde pewter brasse plate beddes &c. And the other halfe of my howsehold stuffe &c. I give unto my bretherne Henry

[1] Mr. Thomas Goodyeare married Katherine, widow of Ralph Sorocold of Manchester merchant, and (probably) brother of Mr. Thomas Sorocold, rector of Saint Mildred in the Poultry, London.—See *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 142, Chetham series.

G. and Edwarde G. equallye betwixte theym My said household goodes shalbe equally devided by the discrecõn of my deare ffrend Mr Thomas Goodyeare yf otherwyse they can not agree aboute ye division of the same To the said George Croxton a mourninge cloake and a coate I give towardes the repayringe of Jesus chaple afforesaide ffortye shillinges I give unto six poore men and six poore women in Manchestr to evye one of theym a ffryse gowne and to twelve poore children in Manchestr to evye one of theym a ffryse coate I will that my executors doe take out of my goodes three poundes and distribute ye same to ye poore people in Manchestr To George Pendilton three shillinges fourpence and one of ye ffryse gownes afforesaide All landes teñtes or leases lefte to me by the last will of my husbande George P. I will shall remayne to my daughter Cycelye C. and to her heyres &c. The remayndr of all my goodes I give unto ye children of my saide daughtr Cycelye C. equallye to be devided amongste theym I ordeyne &c. my saide sonne in lawe John Croxton and Cycelye my daughter my executors And I request my welbeloved brothers John Gee and Henry G. and my beloved ffrend Mr Thomas Goodyeare to be supvisors &c.

Attached to the above is a Mdm that the xiiij daie of Aprill 1591 Alice P. widow fearing the houre of death to approch did call for her will wch she said she had made and caused the same to be readde in the presence and hearinge of the witnesses hereunder subscribed and then and there published the same &c. Edward Gee Waringe Croxton Henrie Gee with others.

THE WILL OF ROBERT ENTWYSLE OF THE FOXHOLES.[1]

IN the name &c. the .... daye of Auguste 1574 I Robart Entwysle of the ffoxholes in the towne of Hunnersfelde and parishe of Rachdalle of whole mynde &c. My bodie I committe to the earth to be buriede in the churche yearde of Rachdall amongiste the bodies of other faythfull Chrystians theare abydinge the joifull comminge of Jesus Chryste at the generall daie of iudgmente My will ys that the parsone of the said parysshe churche of Rachdall shall haue hys mortuarye My said goodes shalbe equallie devided into thre partes one parte therof I geve unto Jane my welbelovid wyffe An other parte I geve unto Josephe [and] Abell my sonnes Jane Marye and Dorathie my daugters to be equallie amongiste them devided And out of the third parte I will that my funerall expences shalbe dischargede And oute of the same parte I doe geve &c. unto Mr Mydgley vicar of the said pishe church of Rachdall vj^s^ viij^d^ requestinge hym to make a funerall sermō at my buriall or at such other tyme as yt shall please God to appointe for the ..... and comforthe of my frendes and brethren I geve unto Jane my wellbelovid wyffe one fetherbed towe sheetes tow blankettes one coverlet one boulster and two pyllowes so longe as she shall keepe hyr selfe sole and unmariede and yf she marye againe after my departure my will ys that the same goodes shall remayne unto my said fyve yonger children to be amongiste them equallie devided To

[1] Proved September 1, 1574. This testator and his will were unknown to Mr. Lodge in 1807, when the pedigree of Entwisle of Foxholes was recorded in the College of Arms, and renders the upper part of that pedigree of more than questionable authenticity. The will is referred to in the *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 178, note, Chetham series.

my eldest sonne and heire Rychard E. towe great garnars in the old barne one plowe one paire of plowe yrons one harrowe one great paire of wheles one standinge borde in the house all my harnishe one paire of bedstockes in whiche I lye my best coffer whearin my evidences lye a paire of turve waine boughes one sylver spoone to remayne to hym and his heires at my mansion house as heire lombe I geve &c. one litle Bible to my sonne Rycharde and the said Jane my wyffe and they to see the same occupied everie Sabaothe daie when there ys no sermons nor sacramentes in ministringe and in the weeke daie my will and mynde ys that my porest kinsfolkes whiche are not able to by a Bible shall haue the same lent unto theim To John Ogden my seruant vj^{s} viij^{d} To John Butterworth my seruante vj^{s} viij^{d} To John Wylsonn my servaunte vj^{s} viij^{d} To Jane my welbelouid wyffe Rychard E. my eldest sonne to Joseph and Abell my yonger sonnes all my bokes in my studie and my librarie to be amongyste theim equally devided Whearas I haue letten unto John Wolstenholme and Arthure Whitheade two messuages and landes th'one of which ys callid Grayefeeldheyes in the towneshippe of Hunnersfelde and th'other ys callid Levengreave in the towneshippe of Spotlande payinge therfore yerelie to me and my heires the yerelie rent of xx^{s} (viz.) for the messuage callid Grayefeedeheyes xiij^{s} iiij^{d} and for the messuage callid Levengreave vj^{s} viij^{d} at daies and feastϱ acustomede I doe by this my p̄sent testament allow [it] to be my lawfull acte and deede The residue of all my goodes and chattells I doe geve unto the said Josephe Abell Jane Marye and Dorathie my yonger children to be equallie amongiste theim to be devidede And I ordaine &c. Jane my welbelovid wyffe my executrix And for the true execuc̄on thearof accordinge to my will and mynde I geve unto the said Jane my wyffe xl^{s} over and aboue the legacies to her before bequeathide And I nominate ffrauncys Entwysell my brother Eles Hamer Thomas Telier and Thomas Stotte supervisors to correct my execu-

trix yf she doe not performe this my present testament in everie behalfe earnestly prayinge theim for God hys behalfe and for the frendshippe they haue shewed me in theyr lyffe tyme to take the paines to se this my testament pformede wyth such diligence as they wold wyshe there owne testament to be performede when God shall call theim to his mercye remembringe the sayinge of holie Scripture such measure as ye meate wythall ye shall haue measurude againe In wyttnes wheareof I haue sette my sealle &c. in the presence of William Hamer James Buckley Randall Casson wyth many others beinge speciallie callid and requested thearto.

THE WILL OF RICHARD JONES, CLERK, RECTOR OF BURY.[1]

GLORYE be to God the Father maker of all thynge to God the Sone redemer of me and all mankynde throwghe whose deathe and passion [I] truste verely to be saved together wth the Holye Gooste throwghe whose sanctyfycacõn I beleve I shalbe made ptaker of the heavenlie . . . . . provyded for the electe of God to whome be everlastynge honore and prayse Amen 15 June 1568 I Rycharde Jones clerk . . . . . of Burye beinge of good mynde &c. my bodye to the earthe frome whence yt came to be buryed within the chauncell on the sowth syde over anende where Syr Thomas Holte ys buryed My wyll ys that everye pore bodye that shall cũ to my buryall shall have a penye and meate and the rychersorte to have theyr dener Unto one hundrethe of the pooreste howse kepers

[1] The inventory is dated July 15, 1568. Richard Jones was instituted to the Rectory of Bury 4th February 1557, on the presentation of Hugh Jones for that time only, by permission of the Earl of Derby. — *Baines's Lanc.* vol. ii. p. 666.

in Burye pyshe to every one of theȳ halfe a hope of ote mele or money to bye yt withall as the pryce [is] in Rachedall marketh To my successor all tables cheyres greate arkes as well in the barne kilne as in the store howse with all saltynge tubbes in the larder foure cupebordes two in the buttre and one in my . . . . . chamber and one where I lye all bruynge vesseles of leade or woode and all the hoggę headę barels rūletes and stondes also thre carved bedstockes one in my lordę chamber an other in the parlour . . . . . chamber with all other bedstockes in the howse all hangyngę in the hall and all the turves woodde and coolles that I shall happen to haue at the tyme of my [decease] on condycon that he aske no delapydacons and that he be bounden to my lorde[1] and hys heyres to [leave the] same after hys deathe to remayne as standarts in the same howse for mayntenānce of hospetalytye so long as they laste And I bequeth unto hym by the waye of charyte all my servūntę trustynge that he wylbe to theȳ as I . . . . . My wyll ys that everye servūnte that I haue shall haue one hole yeres waygę to be payde to theȳ suche onelye to be excepte as hereafter I shall bequeth oȳthyngę To Sr Roger Hodgekynson one flock bedde one bolster one payre of shettę ij blanketę one coverlet and my sylke coverynge my surples and fyve poundę Unto Henry Jones filio Hugonis xxti shepe one cowe and xxs To John Belfyld xs To Joseph Bothe xxs To Thomas Jones of Pymhole xxs and one cowe wth a calfe To Alys Both vjli xiijs iiijd To Marget Bothe xls To Elyzabeth Bolton xls To Wiłłm Jones xls To Ather Batersbe xxs . . . . . hopes of mele To Roger Jones xxs To Alexannder Holte vjs viijd To the wyff of Andrewe Alenis xxs Unto everye one yt I am uncle to with . . . . . bequeste vjs viijd My wyll ys Thomas Jones[2] shalbe kept to lernynge in Cambrydge upon my chargę

[1] Edward Earl of Derby.

[2] There is little doubt that this object of the testator's benevolence was Thomas younger son of Henry Jones of Boarshaw in the parish of Middleton in the county

so long . . . . . that I haue in Radclyff wylbe able to bear hym trustynge therebye that he wylbe able to helpe the reste of hys pore fath[erles]s bretherin and systers To my god sone John Jones xl^s To Alys Jones hys syster xl^s . . . . . to Anne and Besse eyther of theym xiij^s iiij^d To Evane Jones one fetherbedde one bolster one payre of shette ij blancke . . . . . coverlet ij kyen one swyne and the tacke of the grounde y^t I haue of Ryc̃ Flecher in Redevolces To Ryc̃ Jones sone of my brother Thomas xx^s Unto everye wch my said brother hadde besyde vj^s viij^d apece To Anne Grenenalgh xx^s To Ryc̃ Symon xx^s To Thomas Symon xx^s To Marye Symon vj^s viij^d To Elyn Symon vj^s viij^d To my suster Elizabeth one fetherbedde wch she hath in her custody and xl^s To Anne and her husbande one fetherbedde one bolster one payre of shette ij blankete one coverlett iij kyen ij sylver spones ij swyne iij^li and sū gowne to make her a gowne of To the wyff of Henry Jones th'elder xx^s To Thomas Jones servantte to Mr Grenenalgh . . . . . in consideracõn of the gatherynge of my tythe corne money in the fforreste[1] To foure chylderon of . . . . . Holme everye one v^s To Willm Chatherton one angell and to everye chylde he hath vj^s viij^d To everye chylde y^t I am god father to y^t comyth for to receyve yt xij^d To the late wyff of Hugh Jones . . . . . ye chylde of hers to whome I haue yeven nothynge vj^s viij^d To Thomas Jones Hugh's sone the money . . . . . eth unto me and one fetherbedde in my chamber at Borshaye[2] and further as my good wyll extende at the sight of my . . . . . To Ryc̃ Jones Henry sone all my chamber as yt standyth

of Lancaster, yeoman, afterwards in holy orders D.D., consecrated Bishop of Meath 1584, translated to the archiepiscopal see of Dublin in 1605, in which year he became Lord Chancellor of Ireland. The Archbishop died in 1619, being succeeded by his son, Sir Roger Jones Knt., created in 1628 Baron Jones and Viscount Ranelagh, ancestor of the present peer. — *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xxxi. p. 129 - 141.

[1] Holcombe forest.

[2] Boarshaw, an ancient freehold in the parish of Middleton, was the inheritance of the Jones's for more than one hundred and fifty years after this date. — *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xxxi. p. 141.

furnysshed one fetherbedde . . . . de and all y⁹n contened one fetherbedde affore excepte to Thomas Jones To George Lee xx^s To Elizabeth the wyff of Robert Cleton xx^s To Ryc̃ Jones soñe to olde Henry the money wch he owgheth unto me . . . . . gell To Ryc̃ Clough x^li wch I lent hym to bye and sell with all and ij sylver spones to everye chylde x . . . . . To Mr Charyngton suche money as he owght unto me for tythe To the ꝑson of Myddleton[1] . . . . xx^s To my good lord foure angels I wyll that the ffoure bokes of Crysostem be chened in the churche and there to remayne for ever I wyll that Henry Marrecrofte[2] shall haue my calapyne and my parafrasies To Mr Grenehalgh my mare To Mr Hopewodde one angell To Mr Radclyff of Longleye iij angells If I departe in such tyme of the yere that my good^e wyll not extende to ꝑforme my wyll then all . . . . . Thomas Jones kepynge to Cambrydge onelye to have y^t wch ys bequethed unto theym ꝑvyded y^t yf . . . . . do departe thys worlde or leave the scole affore that wch ys asseyned to hym be spende then my wyll ys th[at] the reversion shalbe bestowed upon my two god sones John Jones and Joseph Bothe towards kepynge theȳ to the s[chool] The reste of my good^e my executors shall equallye devyde and gyve one ꝑte to the por[est] howse holders in Burye ꝑyshe and th'other halfe to the poreste of my kynsfolkes I make my executors Edmunde Prestwyche Edmunde Assheton Ryc̃ Radclyff Syr Roger Hodgekynsone and Evan Jones desyrynge my good lorde and the ꝑson of Myddleton to be oversears &c. And where I haue bequethed nothynge to Mr Prestwyche nor to Mr Edmūde Assheton for theyr paynes my wyll ys they shall haue thre angels a pece In wytnes &c. . . . . Wiłłm Overall Rauff Barlow Rauff Batersbe Wiłłm Fyldes Jamys Holme Rycharde Hall.

[1] Rev. John Assheton, son of Sir Richard, buried 9th October 1584 in the Rector's chancel at Middleton. — *Lanc. MSS.* vol. i. p. 346.

[2] Henry Marcroft was curate of Bury, and answered Bishop Downham's Visitation call, 1563.

Dettꝗ to me owynge over and besydes suche as be contenynge within my dette boke and specialtyes as folowythe.

In prmis Alexaunder Barlow esquier vli.

Item Mathew Bothe savinge the pryce of one velvet night cappe vli.

By me Rycd Jones clerke.

THE WILL OF ALICE MASSEY OF CHESTER, WIDOW.[1]

IN the name &c. 15 Jany 1597 [1597–8] I Alice Massye of the cittye of Chester widdow late wyfe to William Massye late of the said cittye alderman deceased I commend my bodye to the earth whereof it is made desiring that the same may be buried in my parish church yard so neare unto my saied husband as convenientlie it may be buryed I give to my sonne Gerard M. all the waynescott glasse painted clothes borders above the waynscott tables wth their frames whereon they stand and all my beddsteadꝗ wch now are wthin the house wherein I now dwell in the Watergate street and my best andironꝗ my best carpett my . . . . . ounting chest in the like lower parlour my best cipresse chest in the chamber over the hall my husbandꝗ late best gowne once faced wth velvett and best ffire-shovell and tonges Unto my sonne Lawrance M. a signett

[1] Proved September 18th, 1600. Alice daughter of Thomas Bavand of Chester married William Massey Alderman of Chester (son of Richard Massey of Grafton by Margery daughter of William Barnston of Churton) and had issue Laurence, Edward, *Jane* wife of Peter Newall gent. and a son and heir Gerard Massey B.D., Rector of Wigan, nominated to the Bishopric of Chester but died before consecration, 16th January, 1615–16, and was buried at St. Mary's Church, Savoy. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 387. He sold the Grafton estate to Peter Warburton Esq. (afterwards knighted) Justice of the King's Bench, in whose descendant Edward John, Lord Stanley of Alderley, the property is now vested.

ring having the Massyes armes upon it together wth this poesie Amici donū one bedestead and one cipresse chest to be given att the discretion of my sonne Gerard my great lead in the court my scales and my weightę in the sellar To my daughter Jane Newall[1] a cypresse chest standing in the like parlour wth my shorter dammaske table cloth wth a damaske towell belonging to it my best gowne best kirttle best petticote and my velvett hood and two ringes of gold viz. my best ring fashioned to a serpent and a hoope ring wch was my husbandę To Elsabeth Newall my daughters daughter ffortie poundę towardę her marriage good and a like gold ring wth a pearle in it To my sonne Thomas M. the greatest chest standing in the parlour and a ring of gold enameled wth a deathę head in it To my sonne Edward M. one gold ring wth a diamond in it my next best chest in the chamber over the parlour To my sonne Gerard M. more a gold ring wth this poesie in it no . . . . . ens coniunxit homo nox seperat and my litle lead in the court To my nephew and cossin William Jhonson my best turkey ring of gold or my iron weightes in the sellar To my nephew and cossin Hugh Jhonson tenn poundę and to my neice and cossin Merriam Jhonson other tenn poundę and a grogram gowne wth one guard of velvett about it and to my sister Jane Bankes my best blacke gowne my best taffata kirtle and a petticote wth some linnens appertayninge to my bodye at the discretion of my daughter Jane Newall and a gold ring engraved in it this poesie Riches are unsteadfast To [my] neeces Ellen Bankes and Ales B. my saied sisters daughters the some of xx^li^ that is to say to either of them tenn poundę a peece to be payed when so soone as such money as is owinge of the money lent by my saied late husband to Adam Bankes their ffather shalbe payed and not otherwise To my saied neece Ellen Bankes my best purse wth two quarter angelles in it and a payre of knyves I forgive to my sister in law Katherin

[1] Ormerod's Pedigree of this family describes her as *Anne* wife of Peter Newall, and secondly of William Johnson of Chester.

Mannering widdow fiftie sixe shillinge wch she is indebted unto me as appeareth in my debt booke and I do give unto her xxtie nobles more and one of my kyne called Nann towarde the bringing up of her children also my purple gowne my grogram kirttle a band and a gorgett and a . . . . . ring of gold I remitt to my cossin Jane Smith my third part of a debt wch her husband did owe to my sonne William wch is dew to him my selfe and my sonne Newall To my sonne in law Peter Newall my second saphire ring of gold and to my neece and cossin Ales Ince a hoope ring of gold engraven in it R A and B my best band and a gorgett my best apron and also a payre of gloves and to my neece and cossin Ales Bankes besides my legasye before a small gold ring wth a gra . . . . tt enamēled in it and to Mistris Rogerson Master Hugh Rogersone wyfe my second velvett hatt and to my servant Ales Stevenson my second cowe unbequeathed my silke rash gowne and an old petticote guarded wth velvett and to my servant Dowce an old gowne and two old pettecotes To the reputed sonne of my sonne William M. tenn pounde of those goode wch were his fathere All the rest of my goode cattelle &c. my debte being payed and my childrene portione left them by their saied late father satisfied I do give &c. unto my sixe children and my nephew viz. to Gerard M. Jane Newall my daughter Richard M. Thomas M. Lawrance M. Edmond M. and William Jhonson to be equally devided amongst them yett neverthelesse for reasone me moving I will that my sonne Richard Massyes happening due unto him by this my last will shall remayne in the hande of my executore and shalbe by them employed according to their discrecione for the yearlie releife of my sayed sonne Richard M. for so long time as they shall hereunto consent in . . . . . and be resolved that he will become a new man and a thriftie husband I will that my sonne Edward Massies portion due to him by his late ffather be sett forth by the consent of my executore to his best profitt My sonne in law Peter Newall shall have the bringing up tuition and

government of my sonne Thomas M. and shall have wth him his porcion yeilding unto him the proffitt of such a stocke and shall likewise enter into bond wth sufficient suerties to the ordenarie for his tuition and . . . . . againe of the saied some unto the ordenarie of this diocesse as in the like cases are commonlie used Whereas my sonne Lawrance M. who is now a prentice wth Mr Robert Wall iremonger hath in my hande the some of a hundred pounde being his childe part of goode left unto him by his late father my will is that the same be putt forth by my executore to his best proffitt I give unto my sonne Richard M. one gold ring upon the like condition as before mentioned I nominate &c. my sonne Gerard M. and my cossin Thomas Barnston of Churton and my nephew William Jhonson my executore and Mr William Aldersay alderman my brother Rowland Barnes my cossin William Barnston overseers and for a remembrannce I doe give to eche of them an angell of gold towarde a ring Lastlie I do remitt &c. Ellen ffoxehole of twentie shillinge wch is due to me by bill of her husbande hand In witness &c. In the presence of these Raphe Tilston Randall Ince &c.

THE WILL OF JOHN HOLMES, CITIZEN OF LONDON AND FOUNDER OF BLACKROD SCHOOL.[1]

IN the name &c. 18 September 1568 I John Holmes cytyzen and weyver of London &c. My bodye I bequethe to the yearthe to be buryed w^th^in the churche of Blackrode nere unto my wyf when God shall calle me ffrome thys transitorye worlde And as touchynge the dysposicõn of all my messuage lande tente &c. w^th^in the pisshes of All Saynte in Lomberde strete w^th^in the cytye

[1] Proved February 19th, 1568 [1568-9].

of London and Saynte Edmūdꝭ in the same cytye and elese where I wyll that Anne my wyf shall receyve all y^e ꝑffyttꝭ of my said landꝭ &c. durynge her lyef and shall paye eighte poundꝭ to Alexander Rygby of Erley w^th^in the countye of Lancaster and Edward Norres of Blackerode gentelmen Roger Bradshawe of Haghe and James Browne of Westehaughton esquierꝭ Christofer Anderton of Lostocke Wyllyam Anderton of Anderton and John Adlyngton of Adlyngton gentelmen Wyllyam Browne and Petur Longworthe yomen And I geve the saide yerelye rent of eighte poundes to the saide Alexander &c. and theyr heyres for ever to be bestowyed by them yerely uppon one lerned and dyscrete scolemaster wch shall teache a ffree gramer scole w^th^in the towne of Blackerode[1] in the churche there or as nere unto yt as they shall thynke mete and the same scolemayster to be from tyme to tyme apoynted thereunto by the said Alexander &c. and [their] heres I wyll that my said wyf shall paye of the saide rentꝭ &c. yerely to the saide Alexander Rygby &c. the some of ffyve poundes to the entente that they shall bestowe the same yerelye for the exhibycōn of one scoler w^th^in that colledge in Chambridge called Mary Valanse other wyse called Penbroke Hall and the same scoler to be nomynatede by the saide Alexander R. &c. and by [their] heyres and to be from tyme to tyme chosen out of the saide gramer scole to be kepte in Blackerode And after the dethe of Anne my wyfe I dow geve all the resydew of my landꝭ and tentꝭ unbequethed unto ye vicar and churche wardenꝭ of St Sepulchres and unto theire successorꝭ for ever painge all somes of money as I have geven owt afore to anny ꝑson or ꝑsonꝭ &c. and then all ye ovplusses I geve to the reparationꝭ of the body of the churche of St Sepulchres and yf ye said vicar or churchewardens shalbe neglygentt in any paymentttꝭ and shall nott suffycyentlye repayre the body of the said churche opon one

[1] For an account of the various items of endowment of this school, see Gastrell's *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. p. 17, note.

hole yeares warninge geven by my heyres &c. for ever y^t then my will is it shall goe to my next heyres &c. for ever I dow pray Mr Allexander Rigbye of Erley in ye countye of Lancaster and Edward Norres of Blackerode gentlemen to take opon them to see this my last will be pformede and I geve them for theire paines eyther of them fortye shillinge All my goode and chattaille shalbe devided into too pte one pte to my selfe and the other pte unto Anne my wyffe To John Houlme the sonne of George Holme of Blackerod cityzen and grosser of London one hundreth poundе for a stocke to sett hime up wth all and my leverey gowne of browne blewe faced wth budge To M^ygaret Vaus[1] my wiffes nece fyve poundе and further yf my cozyn John Holme and shee joyne in mariage to gether y^t then after ye dethe of Anne my wyffe I dow geve unto them all my interest in the mesuage called ye Katheryn whele att Holborne condytte in London desyring my wyfe to further ye matter as muche as lyethe in her and yf ytt doo happen y^t they do nott pcede in mariage to gether y^t then and opon whose ptye ytt breakethe whether itt be he or she shall nott haue ãy pte of my intrest in the pmesses aforesaid and then I geve my hole interest unto y^t ptye of those too psons aforenamed y^t shalbe agreable to marige accordinge to my request pvided always that my wife shall haue ytt duringe her naturall lyfe To Thom̃e my brother and his children fyve poundе and my gowne of shepe collor furred wth sownes To Thom̃s Jamyes of London inholder tenne poundе and to his wyfe fortye shillinges To John Tomson of London fortye shillingе To Rychard Langlay of Shrewsbery one stone pott garnished wth silver and gilted in token of good will betwyxt all his frendе and me To Willm Langlaye of London grosser fortye shillingе to bye him a blacke gowne wth all To Richard Weacklyf of London goldsmythe foure markе to bye him a blacke gowne wth all To Charles Coupthwaithe my best gowne garded wth velvett

[1] Vaus — a Blackrod family, of which was Warden Vaus.

and faced wth gennys To Mr Brightman of ye prishe garden my ringe of gold wch I comonly weare called a cornellion To Jane Gibson my cozine my black gowne furred wth shankes and more of my raimentt as my wyfe shall thincke good To my cozyn Anne Hatfyld^e^ fortye shillinge to by her a black gowne w^th^all To my cozyn Simond Hatfilde my boke of the moneymēttę[1] To Thōms Gorton of Adlington tenne pounde to bye hym owt of dette wth all his creditore yf he will redeme hyme opon ye vewe of too honest men by the apointmen of Sr Richard Shawe p̄st and Peter Longworth w^th^out anny frawde or deceiptt otherwise I doo geve hym butt twentye shillinge and noe more I geve twentye shillinge of the same money unto Robert his sonne my godsone To Ellizabethe Farebrother and her children twentye shillinge To Thōms Gorton of Aspull and hys children twentye shillinge To Jamys Gorton of Hawghton aud his chyldren twentye shillinge To one Alys Gorton syster to Jamys Gorton of Haughton towarde her mariage and to Richard Gorton of Winwicke pishe [each] twentye shillinge To the late wyf of Robart Gorton three shillinge foure pence and to her doughter tenne shillinge towarde her mariage wch doughter she had by ye said Robert Gorton I geve towarde ye maikynge of a stone steple att Blackerode three pounde twentye shilling beinge in the hande of Peter Longworthe soe y^t^ ye steple be maid w^th^in ij yeares after my dicease opone condicion y^t^ ye towne shalbe good in anny buyldinge towarde anny necessaries of a free scoole To Peter Holme ye sonne of George Holme my terme of yeares wch I haue of Mr Fletwood in one messuage nowe in the hande of Sethe Foster and one other new tenntte my owen dwellinge howse wch I buylded myselfe nowe of late under thees three condicions thatt ye said Peter Holme his heires &c. shall suffer ye scolemaister and his successore to occupie ye said new howse paynge therefore too shillinge a yeare and nott above aud y^t^ ye said scolemaister and his successore shall

[1] Fox's *Acts and Monuments*, first edition, 1563, folio.

haue one cowe gate all the tyme of somer and owllett for the winter tyme painge therefore foure shillinge to be kepte as his owne is iustlye and trewly and I will yt Peter Longworthe shalhaue ye portion of my pte of ye barne ye said Peter Holmes not to allyenate his right or anny pte therof otherwayes butt to wyffe or childe * If anny of theis condicions be broken then ytt shall goe to my cozine Jamis Gorton of Westhaughton and he to pforme all condisions as &c. To evy one of my god children twelve pence a pece To Peter Longworth and his wyf foure poude in consideracion of their greatte paynes taken wth me att all tymes in my sicknes To Richard Shawe[1] pste fyve pounde for singuler good will yt I doo beare unto hime To Thurstan Longwoorthe and Heughe his sonne tenne shillinge To Margarett Sutton his servantt tenne shillinges To George Holme my kynes man fyve pounde and my ridinge cloke To Jamis Holme his sonne fyve pounde To Lambert Holme and Peter Holme his brother tenne shillinge a peece To . . . . Holme twentye shillinge To Ellyn Mason and her pore children twentye shillinge To Bamford dwellinge at ye pke halle sonne of Clemens Holme twentye shillinge and my mynd is thatt the saied Clemence Holme shalhaue the said twentye shillinge as longe as she lyvethe soe thatt she wilbe bounde unto Mr Edward Norres to repay ytt againe when God calleth for her unto her said sonne To ye said Clemence Holme to Willm Longworthe to his sone Fraunce to little John Anyscoe of Aspull and to Myles his brother fyve shillinge [each] To Grace Aynsco their syster tenne shillinge To Jamys Barker of the Mosse to Nicolas Turner and to George Rigbye fyve shillinge [each] To evy house holder wthin ye towne of Blackerode yt I haue given notheng afore twelve pence a peece all sutche as will accept ytt To

[1] He was Minister of Blackrod. Sir Alexander Radcliffe of Ordsall and William Radcliffe Esq. his son claimed the patronage of the chapel in 1542 on the death of Hugh Holme, probably a relative of the testator, and exercised it. Their right, however, was disputed, and the Hoghtons recovered the nomination.—*Lanc. MSS.* Gastrell's *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol ii. p. 15.

evy p^r^son howse in London or w^th^in one myle of London fyve shillinge to be devided amongest them whereas is most nede To the hospytall of Christe church in London and St Thoms in Sothwarke fortye shillinge to ye relyvfe of the pore and to the maintenānce thereof To the wif of James Sutton tenne shillinge I geve my chamber wch lyethe redy fraymed and unsett up wth the tymb^r^ therto belonginge unto ye scolemayster of Blackrod and reservinge unto ye pst wch shalbelong unto the churche ye loft of the said chamber severall unto him selfe from tyme to tyme oppon condision y^t^ the towne shall help the scolem^r^ to builde the said chamber and to sett yt up atth'est end of ye howse To Richard Shaw pst too plater dishes of pewter of ye lesser sorte of ye first vij platters and too other dishes wth too sawsers and one chawendishe and one pinth pott of pewter and one halfe pintt pott of pewter one candestike of latten and one littell skellett ye lesse of the too one iron spitt and three quisons of ye gretest sorte covered wth velvett and too pyllowes I will y^t^ througheowt all my houshol stuffe wch I haue in Lancashire thatt Anne my wif shalhaue thees pcelle followinge and no more first fower of the greatest platters of pewter and fower of the lesser sorte and fower pewter dishes of silver fashioned and foure sawsers of sylver fashoned and one collander of pewter and one dosen of pewter trenchers of silver fashioned also one pottell pott and a three pintt pott and one quarte pott of pewter one brasen morter wth a pestell a fether bed the best I haue wth the best bolster and ij pillowes of downe of ye best my best coveringe of tapistrye worke and too of the best blankette and one payre of the fynest shetes and too of the best table clothes and too of the best pillow beres and one turky quyshon To Richard Shaw pst one stole chaire of ease of wainscott To ye scolem^r^ at Blackrod and hys successors one new cubbard stanndinge in my howse and a foldinge borde and too bedstede and one forme to reamaine in ye howse and also ye saye bankett and the border of all the ringe theere to reamaine in the said

howse and not to be taken away and one halfe of all my cowp stuffe To Richard Shaw pst one carpett of turkye worke To Anne Anysco doughter of John Anyscoo one payre of canvas shettes hole and sounde and one of my table clothes of linnen one of the three shortest To Thoms Gorton of Aspull ye leste fetherbede wth his bolster to yt and one payare of canvas shetes wth one old coveringe wth imege worke and all the resydewe of my howshold stuff att Blackrode I geve to Peter Longworthe and his wyf to be bestowed oppon Elizabethe their doughter att the tyme of her mariage yf she mary accordinge to her parentte mynd or ells they to have ytt themselves To the poore prsoners att Lancaster sex shillinge eyght pence to be geven att the discrecyon of Mr Rigbye of Erley and especyally in ye dongion I will yt evy pore body att my buryall shalhaue pence a pece and thatt their shalbe twentye messe of mete well furnyshed of the most honest neyghboures in ye towne or neare unto the towne of sixe pence a pece Also the rest of all my pte of goode after my debte &c. paied I geve to Anne my wyf I make my executors Anne my wyffe and John Houlme my cozyn and I make overseers Thoms Jamyes inholder and Willm Langlay grocer and Richard Shawe pste in witnes &c. I pray you wif to remember my forgotten frende Roger Snoden Johañ Bukelsboote and Agnes Gorton my too night capps the one yt is of velvett geve to my cozyn Simone Hatfild and ye other of satten I geve to Peter Soker grocer and all other of my frende I reffarre ytt to your discretion &c. In ye psentte of us Ricd Shaw pst Thurstan Longworthe Wm Browne Thurstan Shepperd Peter Longworthe George Rigbye wth others.

I. H.

THE WILL OF ALEXANDER HOGHTON OF LEA ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. 3 Auguste 1581 I Alexander Houghton of the Lea in the countye of Lancaster Esquyre beinge syke in bodye &c. I have all redye by suffyciente conveyance in the lawe executed in my lyffe tyme dysposede all my manere messuage landę and tentę to such uses as I doubte not but doe stand wth the pleasure of Almyghtie God the comforthe of all my frendę and the contentacon of all good men and are as I triste to the uppeholdinge and mantenance of that house whereof my selfe and all my aunsetur have lynyallye dyscended And nowe for the orderinge of my goodę &c. I doe make my laste wyll &c. My bodye to be buryede in the pyshe churche of Preston soe neare that place where my ffather Sr Rycharde Houghton Knyghte and Dorothye my wyffe doe lye buryede as convenyentt may be The wch I woulde have done yf soe be that yt shall fortune that God doe call me ffrome this trancetorye lyffe w^thin ffortye myles of the same churche I make my sole executrixe Elizabeth my welbelove wyffe and yf shee doe refuse or shall fortune to dye in my lyffe tyme then I wyll that my lovinge brother in lawe Thomas Heskethe of Grayes Inne in the countye of Myddlesex gentleman and my trustie and welbelovede servantes George Beseley and James Helme shalbe my executorę To Elizabethe my wyffe all my playte that ys to saye aswell all my boles tuñes spounes and saltes as alsoe

[1] Proved 12th September, 1581. Alexander, second son of Sir Richard Hoghton of Hoghton Knt., married first (covenant dated 1st Feb. 17 Elizabeth) Dorothy, daughter of Richard Assheton Esq. of Middleton, by his second wife Katherine, daughter of Sir Robert Bellingham; and secondly Elizabeth, daughter of Gabriel Hesketh of Aughton Esq., but had no issue by either wife. He was succeeded in the estates by his younger brother, Thomas Hoghton Esq., ancestor of Sir Henry Bold Hoghton Bart. of Hoghton Tower, the representative of this ancient family.

all her apparell rynges and jewelle whatsoev̄ wch shee hath bene accustomede to weare and have duringe my lyffe tyme If the resydewe of my goode and chattelle my debte beynge dyschardgede doe amonte unto towe hundrethe markes then I geve &c. to Margaret my bastarde doughtor wyffe to Roger Crichelawe of Charnocke Rycharde and to all her chyldren the some of one hundrethe marke equallye to be devydede amongeste theym And yf the resydewe of my goode doe not extende to towe hundrethe marke then I geve &c. to the said Margaret my bastard doughter and to all her chyldren the thyrde parte of all my goode and chattelle To the wyffe of John Tomlynsone th'elder ffortye shillinge Yt ys my wyll that Thomas Houghton of Brynescoules my brother shall haue all my istrumente belonginge to mewsycke and all man̄ of playe clothes yf he be mynded to keppe and doe keppe players And yf he wyll not keppe and manteyne playere then yt ys my wyll that Sr Thomas Heskethe knyghte shall haue the same instrumente and playe clothes And I most hertelye requyre the said Sr Thomas to be ffrendlye unto ffoke Gyllome and Wiłłm Shakshafte now dwellynge wth me and ether to take theym unto his servyce or els to helpe theym to some good Mr To Wiłłm Walle clarke ffyve pounde To Thomas Gryffyne servant to the said Sr Wiłłm Walle twentye shyllynge To everye one of my servante that shall ffortune to be in my servyce at the tyme of my dycease and is hyrede wth me for yerelye wayges one whoule yeres wayges And whereas I the said Alexander and the said Thomas H. my yonger brother in consyderacon of an agrement betwene the said Thomas and me for the establysshinge of all my manore lande and tente uppon the said Thomas and [his] heires malle by or dede 20 Julye 1580 I have graunted unto Thomas ffletwoode sonne and heire apparente of John ffletwoode of Penworthame Esquyre and unto Robert Talbote bastarde sonne of John Talbote the anewall rente of sextyne pounde thrytteē shillinge ffoure pence issuynge oute of certeyne

my landę in Wythnell to haue the said yearlye rente duringe the naturall lyves of these my servantę that ys to weete Thomas Barton Wiłłm Rigbie Roger Lyffseye John Houghton Henrye Bounde Wiłłm Cloughe Thomas Coston John Kychen James Pemberton Robert Tomlynson Rycharde ffysheweke John Coth^m Thomas Barker Henrye Browne Myles Turner Rycharde Snape James Greaves Thomas Sharpe George Banester John Beseley Thomas Warde Robert Bolton John Snape Roger Dyconson ffoke Gyllom Wiłłm Shakeshafte Thomas Gyllom Wiłłm Ascrofte Roger Dugdayle and Margareye Gerrarde And the said rente shalbe devydette amongeste my said servantę soe that there shalbe yerely due unto the said Thomas Sharpe three poundę syxe shillingę eighte pence unto Thomas Coston twentye shillingę unto Thomas Barker twenty shyllingę unto Roger Dyconson thryttyne shyllingę foure pence unto Wiłłm Ascrofte thryttene shyllingę foure pence unto Robert Boulton twentye shyllingę unto Thomas Warde twentye shyllingę unto ffowke Gyllom fortye shyllingę unto Wiłłm Shakeshafte ffortye shyllingę unto Thomas Gyllome fortye shyllingę and unto Roger Dugdayle fforty shyllingę duringe theyre naturall lyves The porc̃on of that partye that shall dye shalbe equallye devyded amongste theym that shall survyve soe that the survyvor of theym all shall haue for his lyffe the said whole rente of syxtyne poundę thryttyne shillingę foure pence I geve unto my said wyffe all the recydewe of my goodę and chattallę I desyre my trustie and lovinge ffrendę John Talbote of Saleburye Edwarde Standyshe of Standyshe Esquyrę Thomas ffletwoode sonne and heire apparente of the said John ffletwoode and my brother in lawe Bartholomewe Heskethe to be supvysorę Wytnes hereof I haue putto &c. These beynge wytnes Thomas ffletwoode Bartholomew Hesketh Robert Parke Adame Boulton Wiłłm Walle Clarke John Houghton and Peter Mellynge Dettę owinge unto mee Imprimis Richard Bannister gent of Darwin Hall ałs Bannister in Walton xv^li for w^ch

hee hath pledged to mee all his wheate nowe growing more of the said Richard in lent money xl^{s}.

M^{d} that the sayde Alexander H. after the wrytinge of his wyll dyde lyinge upone his deathe bedde vidz. wthin towe dayes before his deathe revocate and calle backe by exprese wordę a certeyne legacie wch before in his wrytten wyll he hadde geven to one Margaret bastarde doughter of the said Alexander wyffe unto Roger Crichelowe of Charnocke Rycharde and to all her chyldren and dyde comande that the said legacie shoulde be stryken oute of the said wyll and this dyd he dyverę tymes or at the leaste ones in the p̃sencę of sundrye wyttnes After a certeyn scedull annexed to his will concernynge the makinge voyde of certeyne obligac̃ons wherein his tenn̄tę of Asheton underlyne weare bounde byinge informede that his debtę beinge payed and the saide obligac̃onę and all suche money as he hade appoynted to be geven agayne unto his tenn̄tę weare dyschardged that then his wyffe would have noe parte of his goodę lefte unto her for her mayntenāce he then perceyvinge the same lyklye to be trewe dyd declare that his intenc̃on was that yf soe be that his wyffe should have suffycient furnyture for her house mette for her callinge her playte and jewelę wch were bequethede by hym unto her and twelve oxsene twentye kyne and a bull and horses convenyente for her and alsoe necessarye stofe of husbandrye that then his wyll should therein be pformede or els ev̄ye of theym to be answerede peny ponde lyke of the resydewe of his goodę and not other wysse Provydede alwaye that all suche obligac̃on wherein anye my tenantę of Asheton under lyne are indettede unto me shalbe voyde and noe advantage taken thereof soe that the said tenantę shall not hereafter demaunde of my said executrixe any dette awynge by me unto any of the said tenn̄tę excepte suche money as Edmunde Duckenfylde my servante dyd last borowe of the said tenn̄tę for my use desyringe the said tenn̄ts that theye wyll deale ffrendlye wth my said executrix in gevynge resonable dayes for paym^{t}

of the said money excepted In wytnes &c. I the saide Alexander &c. in presence of Thomas ffletwoode Thomas Whittingham Thomas Barton Rycharde Whyttingham and Roberte Parke.

THE WILL OF JOHN LEGH, SON OF SIR PERES LEGH OF LYME, KNT.[1]

IN the name of the Almighty most gratious and mercifull trinitie the Father the Sonne and the Holie Gost three psons and one God by whom I John Leigh gentleman one of the yonger sonnes of Sr Peres Leighe knight was created redeemed and sanctified and in whom I doe assuredly trust to bee one of his elect and by whose good pleasure and sufferance I doe now this 2 Aprill 1593 make this my last will &c. And nowe for the disposiĉon of such worldly goode and chattalle wch God of his infinite mercy hath bestowed uppon mee beinge unwoorthie any such benefitte or blessinge I doe first say as through Godes grace I haue used evy day in my peticons and prayers to say O Lord God heavenly Father direct mee in all my thoughte woorde and deede that I may doe those thinge that shalbee acceptable in thy sighte and to the glory of thy holy name Wherfore this peticon beinge in my remembraunce and trusting to haue Godes direccon therein I doe pnounce this my last will &c. I give unto my supposed or base gotten daughter Ellen Leigh als Ellenne Ogden one hundreth poundes wch Mr Hyde of Northbury is bounde wth others to pay unto mee the vjth day of June next And I require my right worshipfull cosen Robert Hyde of Northbury

[1] Proved April 30, 1593. John Legh gent., second son of Sir Peter Legh of Lyme by Margaret, daughter of Thomas Gerard of Bryn, co. Lanc. Knt. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 338.

Esquire to keepe my sayd daughter Ellenne if ytt might stande wth his good likinge wth meate drinke and cloathes fitt for her and to receyve the some of x^li^ yearelie in regard of her keepinge where his woorship doth know yt will arise from the hundreth poundes and if shee can bee ꝑferred in mariage then that hundreth pounde I would haue bestowed uppon her And I would wish if there could bee lykinge betweene the ꝑties and his frende that shee should match wth Rauffe the sonne of Godfray Hyde and if that mariage can not ꝑceede then shee shall marie by the advise of my cosen Hyde To Ellenn Stanley als Baggiley wief unto Roberte Stanley the yonger foure score poundes wch Alexander Low of Stopford Thomas Sydell and Thomas Roodes stand bounden to pay mee one Maie day next wch I doe assigne unto the [said] Ellen S. for her mayntenance in regard of the faulte wch I haue made unto her for the wch I entirely begg and craue at the hande of the Almighty God to pardone and forgiue my offence agaynst her committed as alsoe for the rest of my offence The sayd Ellen shall keepe wth her a younge daughter supposed to bee myne wch is called Margarett Leigh als Downes of the sayd some of foure score pounde wch I thinke shee may doe verie well by reson of the interest wch will come of the sayd some To my ladie my mother four score pounde To my welbeeloued brother James L. gentleman fore score pounde To my welbeeloued brother Thomas L. Esquier my signet of gould wth the rams head[1] ingrauen therin and twenty pounde wch my sayd brother oweth mee in pawne wherof I haue certayne plate pawned unto mee To my little god son and nephew Thomas L. twenty nobles To Ellen Stanley six pounde wch Thomas Bower is bounde to pay mee at Maie day nexte To John Waynwright my man xx^li^ and all my apparell and the same twenty pound to receaue of Henrie Pott John Latham and others To Henrie Somn̄ preacher of the woorde of God x^li^ to buy him booke wth for the mayntenance of his good and godly studie

[1] The crest of the family.

To my brother James the annuety of v markę wth the arrerage therof during the lief of one Richard Bruche of whom I hould the sayd annuety To the right Woorshipfull Peter L. Esquier Mr Edward L. and Mr Thomas L. my nephewes to evy one of them vjli xiijs iiijd To evy one of the servantę that serve my ladie my mother xiijs iiijd To Ellen Stanley als Bagyley the pfette of the demayne of Shrigley for the space of one whole yeare To Jane Jackson ov and besydes xiijs iiijd the some of iiijli wch I haue certayne plate pawned unto mee by Mr Ratcliffe and if Mr Ratcliffe doe not redeeme the same then my will is that Jane Jackson shall haue ytt To the sayd Jane iiijor markę of money wch Mr Stafford oweth mee for the wch I haue receyued certayne plate pawned unto mee wch I suppose to bee Mr Stafford['s] To the sayd Jane the benefit of a bargayne wch I haue of one Ridgeway for a peece of ground and if the sayd Ridgewaie doe repaie eight pound unto the sayd Jane then is his grounde lose I doe alowe xxli for the dischargingę of all my funall expencę and the ouplus if theire bee any to bee distributed unto the poorest people dwellingę in Disley To the right Woorshipfull Roberte Hyde Esquier a peece of gould called a double portingue To Rauffe Bradley one duckett To Mr Edward Newport fortie shillingę To Willm Shirte one French crowne pawned unto mee by the sayd Willm for six shillingę I constitute &c. my executors Robte Hyde of Northbury Esquier Henrie Somn pcher of the woord of God and Raphe Bradley yeoman I giue to Mr Peter Leigh of Burtonwood v markę To John Richardson xxs wch hee oweth mee To Raphe Hyde and his tow sisters to evy one of them xs To my brother James L. my gray nag These beinge witnesses John ffortune John Waynewright Willm Shirte.

John Leigh.

THE WILL OF SIR RALPH LEYCESTER OF TOFT, KNT.[1]

IN the name &c. the 23 ffebruarie 1571 [1571-2] I Rauff Leycester of Toft in the county of Chester knight beinge &c. and my bodie to be buried in the church or chauncell at Moberley I geve &c. toward ye reparacon of the same church of Moberley twentie shiliinge To Lawrence Leycester my sonne all the meses landes tentes wich howses and salt howses in the countie of Chester wich now be in [the] sevall tenures of Willm Whytmore of Bexton Lawrannce Leycester of Knottesford gents John Winnington of Pyckmeyre Phillipp Anterbus of the Northwyche Thomas Dychfeild of the same John Maynwaringe of the same and George Sudlowe of the Crosse . . . . . the Northwych wich said meses landes &c. be of the yearly rent of tenn poundes to haue &c. for the terme of [his] lyff To Marie L. my doughter the somme of fowre hundred markes toward her preferment in mariadge or otherwyse to be receyved of the proffectes of my mosse and turbarie commonly cauled Toft Mosse And after the same fowre hundred markes hadd and taken that then the revcon of my said mosse and turbarie shall come to Willm L. my sonne and heire apparent and his heires for ev It is my will &c. that Phillipp Maynwaringe of Pever esquier

[1] Proved March 1572-3. Sir Ralph Leycester of Toft, knighted at Leith 11th May 1544, married first Ellen, daughter of Philip Legh of Boothes Esq., and had issue Ralph his son and heir, died young; William his heir, Lawrence, who married Jane, daughter of John Warburton of Bromfield; John died without issue; Elizabeth married first Sir Randle Mainwaring of Peover, and afterwards Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford Knt.; Anne, wife of Philip, brother and heir of the above Sir Randle Mainwaring; Ellen died in her infancy; and Mary, wife of Hugh Calveley of Lea Esq. Sir Ralph Leycester married secondly Jane, daughter of Sir George Calveley of Lea Knt., and widow of John Edwards Esq. of Chirk co. Denbigh. He died 23rd February 1572-3, aged 53 years. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 386.

and An his wyeff and Lawrence L. my sonne shall haue the use of the said mosse and turbarie and profectę therof untill such tyme as the said somme of foure hundreth m̃kes shalbe by [them] receyved. to the use of the said Marie Yf the mariadge now concluded to be hadd betwene Robert Venebłs of Anterbus the younger son of Thomas Ven. . . . . and my sayd dowghter Marie do take effecte and y^t if Wiłłm L. my son do enter into bonde for the payment of such sommes of money as are agreyed uppon that then the said legasie of fowre hundred m̃kes shall be voyd To Dame Jane my wyeff all such juellę as she hath in her kepinge and her chayne of gold that she wayreth To Lawrence L. my son twenty m̃kes and one geldinge To John Leycester son of Geffraye L. sixe poundes threttine shillingę fowr penę To ev̄y of my servauntę dwellinge in my howse as well men as wemen one wholl yeares wages To Lawrence L. my son one of my velvet gownes one sattyn dowblet and one pare of hose To Wiłłm L. my sonn and heire apparent my cheine of gold and all the rest of myne apparell To Jane Langton my doughter eight pondes and two kyne Hughe Jonson my servaunt shall haue the mese tenement &c. in Moberley now in [his] tenure for syxteine yeares next ensuinge the date herof and after the said terme of xvj^th yeares Rauff Smyth son of Humfray S. deceassed shall haue the said tenement duringe his lyff Wiłłm L. my sonn and heire apparent shall geve ev̄y yeare to Wiłłm Walker my servante xiij^s iiij^d duringe [his] lyeff I geve &c. towardę the reparac̃on of the church of Knuttesford twenty shillinge ffrauncis Newton shall haue all my landę and tenementę in Moberley wich be now in [his] tenure duringe his lyeff yealdinge &c. yearlie to me and to my heires xiij^s iiij^d To my Ladie Maynwaringe my dawghter and to Ann Maynwaringe ether of them on gold ringe To Wiłłm L. my sonn and heire apparent after my detts donne all my goodes and cattells and all my maners meses landę &c. to haue to him and his heires for ev̄ Provyded alwayes that Phillipp Maynwaringe of Pever [Anne] his

wyeff and Lawrence my sonn shall haue one closse of land cauled Padcastell Salt in Toft aforesayd beinge psell of myne inheritaunce for terme of twenty and one yeares payeinge to Willm L. my sonn and his heires the old rent I ordayne &c. my welbeloved wyeff Dame Jane L. and Willm L. my sonn and heire apparent my executours willinge and desyringe them to haue the feare of God before ther yees and to pforme &c. I make my welbeloved frende George Caulveley Knight Edmund Trafford and Phillipp Maynwaringe Esquiers oversears In witnes &c. [Witnesses names defaced.]

THE WILL OF SIR THOMAS LANGTON KNT. BARON OF NEWTON.[1]

IN Dei nomine &c. 4 April 1569 I Thomas Langton of Walton in the Dale in the countie of Lancaster Knighte Baron of New-

[1] Thomas Langton, the testator, was the second son of Ralph Langton, Baron of Newton, and was six years old when his father died at the early age of 29, July 29, 1503, 18th Henry VII. A brother named Richard, three years his senior, was then found to be the heir. Ralph had bequeathed the custody of his children to his wife Joan, the daughter of Sir Christopher Southworth of Samlesbury (erroneously called Elizabeth in the pedigree printed in Baines's *History of Lancashire*), but the wardship of the heir of a military tenant belonged to the king, and it was by his grant, 13th May 1504, 19th Henry VII., that the widow had custody of the estates held by knight service along with the marriage of the heir. She, on the 11th November 1506, 22nd Henry VII., in consideration of a sum of money, alienated these rights to Sir Edward Stanley, a younger son of the first Earl of Derby, popularly known as the hero of Flodden, and in consequence of his good service there proclaimed in 1514 Lord of Mount-Egell (Monteagle).

Richard Langton dying 16th June 1511, 3rd Henry VIII., Thomas his brother was found to be next heir, and of the age of fourteen years. He became in his turn the ward of Sir Edward Stanley, who married him to his daughter Elizabeth. This lady is by Thomas Tong, Norroy, designated as the "base" daughter of Sir Edward Stanley, but she is not so described in her father's will (proved 1524), in which he

ton beinge of whole mynde &c. Whereas I the [said Sir Thomas L. Knt. by deed] bearinge date 4 August 5 and 6 Philip and

names another of his children by that epithet, and according to Collins and Nicolas she was the issue of his second marriage with Anne, daughter and co-heir of Sir John Harrington of Hornby. Her monument in Sepulchre's Church is thus described in Stowe's *Survey of London*, book iii, chap. xii:—

"A fair stone in the chancel close by one to Lady Eleanor Sentleger.

"Here lieth Dame Elizabeth Langton, late wife of Sir Thomas Langton Knight, Baron of Newton in the county of Lancaster, one of the daughters of Sir Edward Stanley Knight, Lord Monteagle, which deceased 17th June anno Domini 1533."

From this marriage issued

Edward the eldest son, named in Lord Monteagle's will as his godson. He married Anne daughter of Sir Alexander Osbaldeston of Osbaldeston, who survived him and lived as his widow at Lightshay Hall, in the parish of Winwick. Her will was proved 20th April, 1566. They had issue Thomas who died in childhood. Edward was living, as appears by the Preston Guild roll, in 1542 and died before 1558.

Richard who became Rector of Wigan. Not on the Guild roll of 1542.

Thomas and George } Named by Tong in the Visitation of 1533, but not by Flower in that of 1567.

Anthony and Franceys } Named by Flower but not by Tong.

Of these four Thomas alone appears on the Guild roll of 1542.

Leonard (called in the Visitation of 1567 the 6th son) who married Anne daughter of Thomas Leyburn of Cunswick in the county of Westmoreland, widow of William Singleton. He was the only one of the sons of Elizabeth Stanley alive in 1558, and he died before the guild of 1562, in his father's lifetime. They had issue Thomas who succeeded his grandfather, 11th Eliz. 1569, being then eight years of age.

Christopher alive 1542, as appears by the Guild Book.

The daughters are named in the following order in an indenture of 4th August, 5th and 6th Philip and Mary (1558), but in the Visitations are differently arranged.

Johan married to John Fleetwood of Penwortham, afterwards of Calwich in the county of Stafford, whose grandson Richard, the first Baronet of that family, succeeded his cousin the last Sir Thomas Langton as heir of entail under the settlement made 5th and 6th Philip and Mary.

Jane married to Richard Fitzherbert of the county of Stafford; alive in 1558.

Anne married to John (a second son of) Bold of Bold, several of whose children are named, along with herself, in their grandfather's will as his "cosyns." 1569.

Mary made betwene me the saide Sir Thomas L. upon th'one partie and the right honorable Sir Thomas Stanley Knighte Lorde Mountea[gle] [the] reverend ffather in God Lorde Thomas Stanley Bisshoppe of Man and the owte ysles and Wiffm ffletewodde of the Myddle Temple in London gentelman upon th'other partie amongest other thinges [did] covenaunte with the saide Lorde Mounteegle the saide busshoppe and Wiffm ff. that at the nexte assises of the countie of Lanc. I should levye a ffyne [to] the saide Lorde Mounteegle &c. as that where the saide Lorde M. &c. should haue of my gifte all my manors lands &c. within the countie of Lanc. in the names of the manore of Newton Wigan Walton in le Dale Mellor Egresfielde als Eccle . . . . . Darwyn Nether Darwyne Curedon Makerfeilde and Little Harwodde together with the advo[wson of]

Mary married first to Thomas Byrom of Byrom, and secondly, after 1558, to Edmund Winstanley of Winstanley, living at Wigan in 1569.

Eleanor married to Edward Cholmondeley of Coppenhall in the county of Salop; alive in 1558.

N.B. A son Roger, not named in the Visitations, was recorded once only on the Preston Guild roll (1542). It is uncertain whether he was the issue of the first or second marriage.

Sir Thomas Langton, after the death of his first wife, married Anne daughter of Thomas Talbot, a younger brother of John Talbot of Salebury, who is distinguished in the pedigree from others of the same name as Long John Talbot. — *Harl. MS.* No. 1549, fo. 57 and fo. 128. Her brother Richard, who became a citizen of London, was born ante matrimonium. She survived her husband and (23rd April 1572) made her will, which was proved June 1573, the inventory being taken 21st May in the same year (15th Eliz.). Her executors were her "cousyns" John Talbot and William ffarington Esqs. and Alexander Rishton gent. She recites in her will a debt of xx lb. due to her daughter

Katheryn, who is also named in the will of Sir Thomas 1569 (11th Eliz.), being then under age.

Edward, recorded in the *Harl. MS.* No. 1549, p. 57, as her son, but not named in her will, as he is erroneously stated to have been in the note at p. lxxiii, vol. 31, Chetham Society.

Sir Thomas Langton was Sheriff of Lancashire in 1556, and again in 1567, and died at the age of 72, soon after making his will, an inquisition post mortem being held in the same year, the 11th of Queen Elizabeth (1569) at Wigan.

the churche of Wigan and 600 messuage 200 tofte 12 milles 20 dove houses 600 gardeyns 600 orchardę 6000 acres of lande 2000 [acres] of meydowe 5000 acres of pasture 1000 acres of wodde 6000 a[cres of] heathe 6000 acres of more 1000 acres of marrys three score poundę of rentes with the appʳtenaunce in Newton Wygan Walton in le Dale Lawe Meller Egresfeilde als Eccles Over Darwyne Nether Darwyne Harwodde Parva Curedall Curedon Lawton Gowburne[1] . . . . . Arberie Houghton ffernehead Poulton Wolson Holme Wenewick Heydock Asshton Pembrton[2] . . . . . Billinge Wynstanley Ynce Hindley Abraham and Preston in Amoundernes and of the ffree ffis[heries] in the waters of Darwyn and Rible in Walton ffissheweke and Preston in Amoundernes to these uses that the said Lorde M. &c. immediatelye after suche ffyne levyed shoulde be seased of all the saide manors landę &c. to the use of me the saide Sir T. L. ffor liff and ffor the terme of ffoure yeres nexte ffollowinge [my] disceasse and [then] to divę other uses[3] [The fine

[1] The names defective here are Kenyon, Croft, Southworth, Myddleton, supplied from the inquisition post mortem.

[2] Orrell is the name to be supplied (Inquisition post mortem).

[3] The object of this settlement was to exclude the issue of Sir Thomas Langton's second wife Anne from the inheritance, and this was accomplished by the "diverse other uses" recited in the indenture tripartite of 1558 (5th and 6th Philip and Mary) viz., after the decease of Sir Thomas and the expiry of four years, to the use of Leonard his only surviving son and heir. After Leonard's death and that of his wife, for whom provision was made, to the sole use of their male heirs in succession. In default of such issue then to the first son of the said Sir Thomas Langton Knight, the which after the date of the indenture shall be born in lawful matrimony, and by him begotten of such woman as Sir Thomas Langton may marry, and to the heirs male of such first son, so that the same should not be begotten of the body of "Anne Talbot alias Slater, and now commonly called the Lady Anne Langton, wife of the said Sir Thomas Langton Knight;" and in default to second and other sons and their heirs male in succession. In default of such issue to the use of William Langton, brother of the said Sir Thomas Langton for life. Then to the use of Johan, daughter of Sir Thomas Langton and wife of John Fleetwood for life, and to her sons and their male heirs in succession. In default to Sir Thomas Langton's daughter, Jane Fitzherbert, and her sons; then to his daughter, Anne Boulde, and her male issue; then to his

was accordingly levied] And I the saide Sir T. L. beinge indebted to divẽ and sundrie persons in greate summes of money and my children kynesfolke and other ffrende not yet pr . . . . . nor admityd to lyvinges [make my] laste will and testamente ffirste I bequeith my soule &c. and I will that my body be buried in the . . . . . syde of the chancell in the parisshe churche of Lawe[1] amonge my ancestore there lyinge and I will that the churche haue all yt rightes and duties as towchinge my ffuneralle I do geve towarde the reperacõns of the same churche twentie pounde to be paide within ffoure yeres nexte after my disceasse I make my trustie and welbeloued ffrende Sir Richard Shirburne of the Stanyhurste knighte Alexander Rigbie of Erley gentelman Edmonde Winstanley of Wigan gentelman and my servant [John[2]] Woddecock my executoure My saide

daughter, Mary Byrom, and her male issue; then to Ellinor Cholmondley and her male issue. In default to Sir Thomas Langton's brother William, and his heirs male; remainder to the right heirs of Sir Thomas Langton. Power reserved to settle a jointure upon any future wife of Sir Thomas Langton. It was proved by the inquisition post mortem 6th James I. on the death of the last Sir Thomas Langton that the first Sir Thomas had no legitimate issue born after the date of this deed, that his brother William was dead as well as his daughter Johan and her eldest son, and that the inheritance devolved upon Richard Fleetwood, her grandson, by virtue of this entail.

It is altogether a very singular document, and so evidently thought the jurors at the inquisition post mortem, who suspected it to be fraudulent in its intention ("made by covin"). At the date of its execution Leonard's son was not born, so that the interest of Fleetwood's children in the settlement appeared to be a very near one, and it is curious to find that Thomas, Richard and Ralf his sons were named in the deed "Fleetwood alias Langton." The parties to the indenture were the brother of Sir Thomas Langton's first wife, his namesake the Bishop of Man and Rector of Wigan, and a nephew of John Fleetwood, an astute lawyer, who became Recorder of the City of London. It may also be inferred that it was hereby attempted to deprive the second wife of her dower, since she did not recover it without resort to process of law. In this she was successful, and to judge by the extent of her inventory taken for probate must have lived in good style.

[1] Lawe is another name for the church of Walton-in-le-dale.

[2] John the name supplied by the inquisition post mortem. Sir Thomas Langton, by charter dated ultimo February 11th Elizabeth, secured to Thomas and Edward Woodcock, sons of John, an annuity of 44s. 4d. for the life of John Woodcock.

executour shall deliv unto my cosyn and heire apparente Thomas Langton[1] when he shall come to the full age [of] twentie one yeres my golde cheane one standinge cuppe of silver withe the cover being g[ilt] wheare upon ys graven this worde earlome my greatest silv gobblet with the co[ver] one cuppe of silv with the cover percell gilte made after the ffasshion of a glasse my . . . . . silver peice

[1] The finding of the inquisition held at Wigan shortly after the death of Sir Thomas Langton, 11th Eliz., was that Leonard Langton in his life had issue male, viz., Thomas Langton, "solum et primum filium suum," by Anne his wife, and after that Leonard in the lifetime of his father died. The original inquisition being mutilated it is from Kuerden's abstract in the Chetham Library that we find Thomas to have been eight years of age at the death of his grandfather. He was contracted in his nonage to Margaret daughter of Richard Sherburne of Stonyhurst, from whom he was divorced by sentence of the Consistory at York, 25th June, 1580, on the ground that the marriage was made "in impubertate dicti Thomæ nec pubertate adveniente per ipsum Thomam ratificatum sed potius idem matrimonium reclamantem." He married the same year, being then nineteen, Elizabeth second daughter of Sir John Savage of Clifton, in the county of Chester, who was born in 1552, and was therefore nine years his senior (Sir P. Leycester, *History of Chester*.) In the year 1589 (32nd Eliz.) he was concerned in a fatal affray at Lea Hall when Mr. Hoghton was slain, and it is supposed that he made his peace with that family by ceding to them his Manor of Walton-in-le-dale.

He was sworn a Burgess of Preston at the Guild Merchant of 1602. He was a Knight of the Bath at the coronation of James the First, and died 20th February, 1604, without issue, when Richard Fleetwood, eldest son of Thomas Fleetwood his cousin succeeded as heir of entail. Dodsworth preserves a record of the following tablet originally placed in Wigan church but which had been removed to Duxbury Hall.

"To oblivion.

"And ye due bones of Sir Thos Langton of ye Honble order of ye Bathe Knt. Baron of Newton Mackersfeld ye last of his name and ye undoubted patron of this church descended from a most ancient famous and farre renouned family of Langton of Leicestershire who some times were of great authority both in ye Church and Commonwealth of this kingdome and for ye space of 300 yeres have flourished in this county. A gentleman y^t many times tuggd wth extremityes and made warre with ye worst of misfortunes &c. He departed this lief in ye Citty of Westminster 20 Feby. 1604 when he had lyved 44 yeres and lyes buried nere ye high altar in St. Peter's Church adjoyning to ye Abbay."

In the inquisition taken four years after his death, that event is said to have taken place at Newton.

pownoyd one pownoyd silv playte one drinkinge cuppe of silv with two . . . . . handellę two of my best silv saltes gilten and theire covers one doson of the best silv sp[oons] whereof one to be gilten one silv pece ungilted the two greate brassen pottę in the kitchinge one greate copper panne with all manh of leadę know . . . . . to with wayne ploughe and all other instrumentę [belonging] to husbandrye and all my harneyę and armor To Mr John ffletewodde[1] my son in lawe ten poundę my best horse or geldinge save . . . . . To my sonne Edward[2] one hundreth markę towardę his pfermente of

[1] Vide pedigree of Fleetwood, Chetham Society, vol. xxx.

[2] Of Edward, the younger son of Sir Thomas Langton, little is known. Beside the bequest made to him by his father we find in the inquisition post mortem 11th Eliz. that 20th March 1st Mary (1554), Sir Thomas Langton granted by charter to John Atherton Knight, John Osbaldiston, John Talbot, John Kecheyn a certain annuity or yearly rent of £10 0s. 1d. to be received and taken from messuages and tenements in Walton, to have and to hold to the use of "Edwardi Langton filii junioris prefati Thome Langton militis" for life.

A further provision was made for Edward by charter, dated 31st March 11th Elizabeth 1569, in which John Woodcock of Walton-in-le-Dale and George Eastham of the same place, yeoman, were enfeoffed of messuages, lands and hereditaments in Bretherton, in Preston, Walton, Cuerden, Billington, Lawton, Newton, &c., to secure an annuity of xx^{li}, "ad opus et usum Edwardi Langton filii sui predicti Thome Langton militis."

After Sir Thomas Langton's death the jurors find that Edward was living in Preston, and they stated his age, but at this point the inquisition is mutilated, and Kuerden's abstract (where we find the age of the heir) does not give that of Edward. He was recorded at the Preston Guild of 1562 after the name of Sir Thomas Langton as "filius ejus." In the 12th Elizabeth (1569-70) Anne, widow of Sir Thomas Langton, brought against him a writ of dower, and recovered against him her thirds, upon which he had entered.

At the Guild of 1582 he was recorded as "filius Thome Langton militis defuncti," and was alive 28th Elizabeth 1585-6, when he sued Adam Bushell, who occupied the lands in Cuerden settled upon him by his father, and who had got possession of the title deeds.

The surmise that Edward, being the son of Anne Talbot, might also be the same as Edward the father of Roger Langton, afterwards of Broughton Tower, who was sworn stattinger at the Preston Guild of 1582, derives some support from the circumstance of Roger's eldest son William taking a Talbot as his crest at the hands of Wm. Ryley, Norroy in 1657; but proofs of Edward's age, marriage, and death are

lyvinge Unto Marie Wynstanley[1] my doughter one hundreth markę To my doughter Anne Boolde one hundreth poundę To Katheryn my yongest doughter towardę her ꝑferment in mariage the sōme of ... hundred poundę when she shall [come] to mariage or to th'adge of twentie one yeres To my brother Willm L.[2] ten poundę To my son ffletewodde his children that ys to saye two sonnes and vj doughters to eꝝye of them ffourtye shillinges To my cosyn Richard Boolde sixe po[undę] thirtene shillinges ffoure penę To my cosyn Henrie ..... twentie poundę To my cosyn Thomas Boolde tenne poundes To my cosyns Elizabethe Boolde and Alice B[oolde] towardę theire ꝑferment and amendement of lyvinge to eyther of them sixe pou[ndę] thirtene shillinges ffoure penę To E..... Rissheton in recompence of her wagę ffor her longe service done ffourtie pou[ndę] To Thomas Edmondson my ꝑst one annuytie of ffourtie shillinges duringe the terme of ffoure yeres nexte after my disceasse To my welbeloued servaunte Petur ffarrington in recompence of his wages and longe service one annuytie of ffourtie shillinges [for four years] To my servaunte Edmunde Burscoo one annuytie of ffourtie shillinges [for four years] To my welbeloued [servaunte] Willm Banester one annuytie of thirtene shillinges ffoure penę [as before] To Jane Banaster[3] wiff of saide Willm [one] annuytie of twentie shyllinges [as before] To my welbeloued servaunte James ..... one annuytie of ffourtie shillinges [as before] To my tru[stie] servaunte George Estome[4] one annuytie of

wanting, and the continuator of the pedigree in the copy of the Visitation of 1567 (*Harl. MSS.* No. 1549) treats him as being without issue.

[1] Mary had a grant of an annuity from her father in the year 5th and 6th Philip and Mary. She was living at Wigan 11th Eliz.

[2] William Langton was living at Walton 11th Eliz. A charter granted to him by his brother was given in evidence at the inquisition post mortem.

[3] September, 34th Henry VIII. (1542). Sir Thomas granted to Joan Stanley then his servant an annuity of 20s. She was the wife of William Banester and was living at Bretherton 11th Eliz. Inquisition post mortem.

[4] George Eastham, along with John Woodcock, was a trustee in the settlement of

twe[ntie] sixe shillinges eighte penꝑ [as before] To my servaunte Willm . . . . . his service one annuytie of ffourtie shillinges [as before] To my trustie servaunte Richard B. . . . . one annuitie of ffourtie shillinges [as before] [To] Thomas Howcarre[1] my servaunte one annuytie of ffourtie shillinges [as before] To my welbeloued servaunte Richard Aynesworthe in recompence of his service one annuytie of twentie sixe shillinges eighte penꝑ [as before] To my trustie servaunte Willm Stretbarell one annuytie of twentie sixe shillinges eighte penꝑ [as before] To my servaunte John . . . . . one annuytie of ffourtie shillinges [as before] To my servaunts Willm Browne Henrye Wilkinson Raff Walmysley James Walmysley and . . . . . Leighe [each] one annuitie of twentie shillinges [as before] To my welbeloued servaunte Richard . . . . . one annuytie of twentie sixe shillinges eighte penꝑ [as before] . . . . . Braithwait in recompence of his paynes taken at my comaunde ffiftie three shillinges ffoure penꝑ To my trustie servaunte Edward Toogood one annuytie of twentie shillinges [as before] To my servaunte Olyver Crichelowe one annuytie of ffyve shillinges [as before] To my servaunte Edward Award twentie shillinges To my servaunte Willm Cowper twentie shillinges To my welbeloved ffrende Ewan . . . . . of Preston one annuytie of twentie shillinges [as before] To Elizabeth Caterowe [or Calerowe] widoo and Alice her daughter one annuytie of thirtie shillinges [as before] [To everie] one of my howseholde workemen at husbandrye the some of thirtene shillinges . . . . . penꝑ and to eꝟy ploughe boye and other boyes servinge within my house sixe shillingꝑ eighte penꝑ To eꝟy woman servaunte within [my house] the some of ten

31st March, 1567, on Edward Langton. Ar. Eastham and Richard his son had an annuity of 40s. granted to him by Sir Thomas Langton 25th April, 35th Henry VIII. 1543. Richard Eastham was living at Walton 11th Eliz.

[1] Or Horscarr.

For the notes to Sir Thomas Langton's will the Editor is indebted to Mr. William Langton, the Honorary Secretary of the Chetham Society.

shillinges in amendemente of their wages [My] executore shall distribute upon the poore people suche as be impotent b . . . . . [the five lines which follow are so much decayed and torn as to be illegible] will ys that my saide executoure sh. . . . . ffrende Mr Justice Carus and Mr Justice Walshe unto eyther of them xiijli vjs viijd . . . . . remembraunce when I am departide owte of this liff trustinge they . . . . . this my desire to be supvisors of this my last will My executore shall haue duringe the saide terme of ffoure yeres evy one of them sixe poundе thirtene shillinges ffoure pene ffor remembraunce sake when I am gone And [the] resydue of all my goode rente &c. duryng [the] saide terme of ffoure yeres I geve to my saide executore to use and bestowe as they shall thinke . . . . . In witnes &c. I the said Th[omas] Langton knighte haue set my hand and seale of armes the daye and yere ffirste above written In the . . . . . Gervase Kitson Galfride Braithwaite Robt Shirburne p me Johnem Parker p me Thomas Pscotte.

THE WILL OF THOMAS RIXTON OF GREAT SANKEY, GENT.[1]

IN the name &c. 16 January 1539 [1539-40] I Thomas Ryxton of Myche Sonke in the countye of Lancastr gentylman holl in my mynde &c. My body to be buryede in the piche churche of Warynton in the chapell on the soweth syde of the churche called

[1] No date of probate. The testator married Margery, daughter of Nicholas Butler base brother of Sir Thomas Butler of Bewsey Knight, and had issue Thomas his son and heir who married Anne daughter of John Eccleston of Eccleston Esq., Stephen, Edward, Dorothy, Margaret, and Anne who married John Massey of Whickleswick gent. — *Harl. MSS.* 1549, fo. 82.

Ryxton chapell I bequeth my mortuarye accordyng unto the kynge acte theroff made I wyll yt my doughr Dorathe shall haue iiij kye and ij heffurs wiche bene hir awne pper goode of and besyde hir chyldys parte of goode To Thomas Ryxton myñ eldest sone all howeseholde stuffe as is in the hall that ys to whete all bourdes formes and trestylle the cupborde handeirone hengynge skrene and all suche excepte the vessell oppon the skrene Also a cart a plough and a harrowe with all the harnes therunto belongyng and iiij of my capulle [?] to drawe he ploughe that is to wete Norman Gryme Hob and Bay so yt the seide Thoms my sone be luffyng and kynde unto my wyffe and chyldren and yf he do deale unkyndlye wt them then yt is my wyll yt my wyffe haue all the goode before bequest to the [said] Thoms towarde the mariages of my doughters I wyll yt iiij torches be made of my awne goode agaynst [my] buryall and yt aft I be buryede ij of the seide torches shall be delyvyth unto the churche of Weryngton and other too to the chapell of Farneworth Where I haue grantede unto my too yonger sonnes Stevyn and Edwarde to either of them xxos of annuetie goyng oute of all my lande in Weryngton Mych Sonkye and Penkith I wyll yt the seide Stevyn and Edwarde shall haue the annuetie duryng theire lyffe I wyll yt Margery my wyffe shall haue the custody of the seide dede and receyde the seide annueties unto suche tyme as they shall come to the age of xvjth yeres towarde theire fyndyng I bequethe the residue of my goode unto Marge my wyffe and my ij doughters Dorathe and Margareth towarde theire mariages I make Marge my wyffe and Stevyn my son my executors and my good mast Sir Thomas Butler Knyght John Assheley Thomas Sonky Esquyres and Antony Colwiche gentilman ovseers of this my wyll besekyng them to see yt my wyffe and chyldren be not ov pressede The beyng wytnesse Thoms Bradshawe Willm Hardeman the elder Willm Sefton Willm Hardeman the yongr and others.

THE WILL OF ANNE BECKE OF MANCHESTER, WIDOW.[1]

IN the &c. 17 June 1578 I Anne Becke late weif of Thomas Becke of Manchester widowe make this my last will &c. My bodie to be buried in Jesus chappell nere to my husband To Thomas Becke his heires and assignes sonne of Robert B. late of Manchester all that third ꝑte of the land in the Deansgate called the orchard and housinge thereupon builded wch I latlie purchased uppon condic̃on that the said Thomas B. shall allowe unto me tenne pounds wch I doe owe him for ꝑt of his childꝛ ꝑt of goods If the said Thomas B. will not allowe the said sum̃e of tenne poundꝛ then I give the said land and housinge unto Nicholas B. my sonne and to his heires uppon condic̃on that the said Nicholas B. shall paie unto the said Thomas B. tenne poundꝛ for mee To Nicholas B. my sonne all my tables bordꝛ and formes in the hall wth the cupbordꝛ and the pewter thereuppon To my said sonne Nicholas B. all my greate leadꝛ standinge in frames paienge for them as they be priced unto To my doughter Cicilie Holland one silver girdle To my doughter Anne Houghton one other silver girdle To Richard Hunt two of my greatest pewter dishes and two of the lesser sort of pewter dishes in the chamber and a great spitt To Anne Hunt for her paynes takinge wth me vj^li^ xiij^s^ viij^d^ I give ev̄y one of my sonne Nicholas B. children iij^s^ iiij^d^ a pece To Thomas B. sonne of Robert Becke one great pott in the kitchin To Adam Byrom my

[1] Proved Feb. 10, 1579 [1579-80]. Anne, widow of Thomas Beck of Manchester, had issue Robert, whose will is dated 17th December 1556; Nicholas Beck, buried at the Collegiate Church, Manchester, 14th November 1581; Mary, wife of Henry Byrom of Salford; Elizabeth, wife of Richard Hunt; Cicely, who married first Adam Byrom of Salford, and secondly James Holland of Salford, clothier; and Anne, wife of Humfrey Houghton of Manchester, clothier.

doughter Cicilie sonne vj^{s} viij^{d} To John Houghton my doughter sonne vj^{s} viij^{d} To Sibell my sonnes servnt vj^{s} viij^{d} if my good^{e} will extend to doe the same It is my will that Nicholas Becke [and] his heires shall have a certen rent pchased of Wiłłm Strangwaies Esquier and goenge out of the land at the Sude Hill and is the sume of xviij^{s} yerelie [and] the rent wch I purchased joyntlie wth John Glover of Thomas Tetlowe wch is ij^{s} yerelie goenge out of the land in the Deansgate nowe in the holdinge of me the said Anne B. To my doughter Cicilie my great chest in the plure paienge for the same as it is priced unto To my doughter Houghton my other great chest paienge for it as it is priced unto After my funerall charges and debt^{e} paid I give my good^{e} remayninge amongeste my said children equallie to be devided. I make my welbeloved and trustie frend Thomas Birche gent to whom for his paynes I give xl^{s} and my sonne Nicholas B. my executors And to be overseers I doe constitute &c. my welbeloved sonne in lawe Homfrey Haughton and Ric. Hunt gent In witnes &c. in the presence &c. Ric. Hunt James Holland Robert Byrom Laurance Byrom.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM KENNYON OF MANCHESTER, GENT.[1]

IN the name &c. 28 Maye 1572 I Wyłłm Kennyon of Manchester gentylman sicke in bodie &c. To be buryed within the pishe churche of Prestwiche (yf I dye within the countye of Lancaster) soe nere unto the place where my ffather was buried as myn executors convenyentlye can and if I dye not within the countye palantyn then to be buryed by the dicreacon of my said

[1] Proved 21st June, 1572.

executors where it shall fortune me to dye And whereas I have graunte of oure sovaigne ladie the quenes ma^tie under hir grace seale of hir duchie of Lancaster by indenture 10 Feb. 13 of her hignes reigne one lease of all the ffynes issues amercyamente and other fforfeytures within the countye palantyne of Lancaster ffor the terme of xxjx^ne yeares yett to come yt ys my will that my brother Thomas Kennyon nowe appntice in Handburowe and my brother Mychaell Kennyon nowe of Barnarde Inne shalhave after my deathe my same lease and the profitte thereof accordinge to the laste will of my ffather Wyllm Kennyon late disceassed and all other my leases of tythes chauntree lande or any other pffitte within the countye of Lancaster or Chester ffor their educacon and bringinge uppe and for the dischardge of suche debte and bequeste as were either given and owinge by the laste will of my said ffather Willm K. or by this my laste will My said brethren Thomas and Mychaell shall have my int^rst and righte of the offyce of the clarkeshippe of the peace durynge the liffe of Barnarde Rondolphe of whome I have a deputacon of the said offyce ffor terme of [his] lyff And whereas the same deputacon hath in yt the names of Mr Alexand^r Rigbye and Mr Robart Shawe by reason whereof they joynete graunttees wth me and my bretheren which was done for noe other purpose but onely for the saifftie of suche somes of money as they were boounden for me to the same Barnarde Rondolphe and those beinge dischardged to surrend^r agayne their righte therein to me and my brethren And for so muche as ther ys noe surrend^r made of their righte therein to me and my brethren synce the dischardge of the said boounde to the same Rondolphe therefore I thoughte it goodde to sette thus muche fforthe in this my laste will to that ende my said executors mighte knowe in whatte sorte their said names came into the said deputacon and the trewthe thereof And as I dowte not but that the said Mr Rigbye and Mr Shawe wilbe redye at all tymes to surrend^r their saide righte to my executors for the same even soe yt ys my will

that my executors shall suffer the said Mr R. and Mr S. to receive suche ffees as were assingined to theym by the laste will of my ffather Wyllm K. yf the same Mr R. and Mr S. wilbe contented to see the dischardge of all thinge touchehinge the same office as they have done in my tyme and that they shall also have all suche arreage as are behynde of their ffees I gyve unto my brethren Thomas K. and Mychaell K. all my goodde plate juels debte and other thinge [for] the dischardge of the laste will of Willm K. my ffather and of this my laste will I gyve to the repaire of Prestwitche churche the some of twentye shealinge and other twentie shealinge to the repaire of Manchester churche To my servante Andrewe Worthington one whoole yeares wage over and besides suche wage as I am indebted unto hym my gray nagge whiche I ryde on my saddill brydell boote spurres my cloike not ffurred my beste blacke coote my beste dowblet my beste hoose and too of my beste shirte my beste cappe my beste bagge and girdle and twoe of my beste hande kevercheffe or at his elecc̃on my grey geldinge and the ffurnyture belongynge unto hym Yt ys my will that the same Andrewe shalhave if he doe remayne with my executors and serve theym as he hath done me heretofore the one half of all suche money as shall come by waye of pledge fee upon indytamente durynge suche tyme as the same Andrewe shall remayne with theym and of the other moytie shall make a trewe accompte to my executors yearely from tyme to tyme My executors shall yearely gyve unto myn olde servaunte Willm Cocker duringe the liff of hym and his wiff and the longer lyver of theym the some of eighte shealinge in respecte of suche paynes and travell as he and she hath taken with me and for the dischardge and paymente of their rente Every one of my srvaunte that hath gathered the grenewax money for me uppon his accompte after my deathe shall have (the same beinge trewlye and justlye made) one yeares wage and a blacke coote and otherwise nothinge Willm Rede shalhave uppon his accompte

trewly made to my executors the some of ffourtye shealinge To everye one of the servante and apprentyce nowe inhabytinge at Hughe Thorppe the some of thre shealinge foure pence and to Cicilye Lorde at suche tyme as she ys maryed a cowe and a calf and unto Hughe Thorppe and his wiff either of theym an olde angell for remembraunce To my servante Roger Kennyon yearely for the space of twenty yeares (if so longe he do lyve) the some of threttyne shealinge foure pence in respecte of his longe service and paynes And whereas I am bounden to paye unto Mr Assheton of Leyver twelve pounde threttyne shealinge foure pence yearely for the pffitte of my said lease for certayne yeares yet to come yt ys my will that my executors (after th'ende of the said yeares be expyred) shall yearely paie unto my brother Edwarde K. for the space of twentye yeares thre pounde six shealinge eighte pence and to my brother Xpofer K. for the like terme fourtye shealinge And if it ffortune either my said brother Thomas K. or my brother Mychaell K. to dye within the space of two yeares next after my deathe so that my whoole lease shall come unto the one as survyvor yt ys my will that my executor then survyvinge shall gyve to everye one of the sonnes of Richarde Kennyon my oldeste brother ffourtie shealinge and to everye one of his doughters twentye shealinge To my brother Xpofer K. his sonnes ffourtye shealinge and to his doughters twentye shealinge To my brother in lawe Thomas Gidlowe his sonnes fourtye shealinge and to his doughters twentye shealinge To my brother in lawe Lawrence ffogge his sonnes ffourtye shealinge and to his doughters twentye shealinge To my syster Gidlowe and my syster ffogge tooe of my beste golde ringe with either a stone in for a remembraunce To the poore within the towne of Manchester and Salforde ffourtye shealinge My executors shall suffer my servante Roger Kennyon to doo under theym in all thinge as heretofore he hath done under me so longe as he wilbe therewth contented and that he shall have all suche wage and fees as heretofore he hath byn

accustomed to have at my handꝭ To Raulf Hopwoodde and Stephen Browne either of theym an old angell for a remembraunce of their olde paynes To Jamys Hunte servante to Roger Bexwicke six shealingꝭ eighte ꝑence and unto every childe I am godfather unto tooe shealingꝭ To twelve poore men to be pyked owte in Manchester and Salford twelve rugge gownes To the curatꝭ of Manchester three shealingꝭ foure pence a peece To the vycars twoe shealingꝭ To the deacons twelve pence And for my bringynge fourthe I referre to the goodde consideracc̃on of my supvysors Mr Hogekynson of Preston shalhave my ffawchyn wch afore I have ꝑmysed hym and a velvet waste girdle for the same Yt ys my will that myn awne mr Edwarde Tyldisley Esquier shalhave my instrumente wch I have lente hym so that he leave the same to his sonne Thom̄s after his deathe and that Mrgarate Tildisley my goddoughter shalhave my beste Jemewe rynge of golde My ffrende Mr Richardson of Myrescoghe shalhave my beste clooke ffurred for a remembraunce betwixte hym and me Mr Radclif of Langley shalhave my gilte halbard and my crabtree staffe wth a horne uppon the head All other my goodde I gyve to my said brethren Thomas and Mychaell [the] executors of this my will and doe humblye requyre and hertely besecke my worshippfull ffrende Edward Tyldisley Esquier my dere ffrendꝭ Mr Richard Radcliff of Longley Mr Alexander Rigbye Mr Robert Shawe Mr Thomas Chaterton Mr Wyllm Baguley and my servante Andrewe Worthington to be supvysors and my said supvysors shalhave everye one of theym for their paynes ffourtye shealingꝭ In wytnes &c. I have subscribed my name and sett my seale the daie and yeare firste above menc̃oned.

Wyllm Kennyon.

Wytnes &c. Thomas Towneley signū manuale Henric̃ Barcroft + Wyllm Duskebery signū manuale Henric̃ Rissheton + Roger Aspden and others.

THE WILL OF ANTHONY MOLYNEUX, RECTOR OF SEPHTON AND WALTON.[1]

IN the name &c. I Antony Molyneux ꝑson of Sefton in the countye of Lanc̃ beyng of ꝑfect mynde &c. My bodye to he buryed at Sefton (yf I dep̄t there) in the chauncell wtin ij yardꝭ where my suster Irelond was buried on her right syde All my debtꝭ to be payd and what other awe to me hit shall appere by a lyttell byll annexed to this my wyll I desire Sr Ryc̃ Molyneux knyght my mr and patrone and my brother in lawe Laurence Irelond squier to be my executors gevyng theym fulle auctorytye and power wtout scrouple of conscyence to adde to mynysshe and chaunge any ꝑt of this my wyll at there pleasure as they shall thinke most mette and convenyent And ffor their paynes I beqwethe to ayther of [them] xls and to ye said Mr Molyneux the best garnysshe of pewt̃ yt I have and to my brother Irelond my sylṽ pece yt my sistr Irelond bequethed me and a gylt spone And I wyll yt Mr Antony Molyneux my godd son shall have halfe my bookꝭ of devynyte and all my srmondꝭ wrytten of my awne hande bothe Englysshe srmondꝭ and srmondꝭ in Laten and Baptist ye other halfe I wyll my bodye to be buryed as shortely and so hastely afte̅r my decease as my executors convenyentlye maye And I wyll have no monethe mynde but what so eṽ shalbe done to be done or spent ye daye of my buryall And as conc̃ninge dylapidac̃ons ffor Sefton consideringe yt I have made so greatt costꝭ of ye chauncell and revestre and at ye ꝑsonage and at all barnes stables and other there I thinke my successors cannot in conscyence requyer any dylapidac̃ons ffor Sefton And as conc̃nynge

[1] No date of probate. Anthony Molyneux was instituted to the rectory of Walton, near Liverpool 4th August 1543. His successor, Anthony Molyneux, was instituted 6th September 1557.—Baines's *Lanc.* vol. iv. p. 42.

The testator's name is not in Baines's list of the rectors of Sephton.

dilapidacons ffor Walton consideringe Mr Molyneux my patrone and executor and Sr Wiffm Molyneux knyght deceased his late ffather beynge my ffarmer of the tythes of Walton have had myche pffett by me therof synce I was made pson there also yt I had at ye instannce and arbytrament of ye said Sr Wiffm Molyneux knyght not above eght pounde of ye executors of my pdecessor of Walton ffor delapidacons there I trust yt the said Mr Molyneux my executor and patrone wyll take suche ordr and dyrecion yt he and myne other executor shalbe intreted accordyngly Also where as I had certeyn stuffe of my said systr Ireland whose saule God pdon the ptyclers wherof apperith in a byll of myne awne hande and also Omfrey Hunt knowith ye same the said stuff shalbe delyved to my brother Ireland aftr my decease In wytnis wherof to this my last wyll I have subscrybett my name wt my awne hande and sett to my seall in ye psence of Edmunde Molyneux of Maghull Sr Henry ffazakerley Oswolde Amerson Thoms Johnson and Humfrey Hunt ye 13th of October 1553.

THE WILL OF GRACE SOUTHWORTH, WIDOW.[1]

IN the name &c. 22 August 1561 I Grace Suthwoorthe late wiefe of Harry S. of Midleton in the countie of Lanc gent decessed beinge of good &c. My bodye to be buried in the pishe churche at Winwicke My will is that wheras my said husband at his deptinge gave unto me all his pte of goodc to myne owne pp use

[1] Proved in 1573. The Southworths of Southworth and Samlesbury, having large estates in the former township, long continued to be buried at Winwick, their original parish church. No monuments exist. This member of the family does not occur in any of the pedigrees.

(and as yet not devyded) that the same goodde shalbe devided into three ptes one to remayne unto my two daughters Ellen S. and Alice S. and th'other two ptes wch remayne to myselfe shalbe bestowed as hereafter shalbe expressed To my sone Thomas S. one yoke of oxen one gelding or els one mare the best fether bed in the howse two bolsters one pellowe two covlette two blankette one covinge and one payre of flaxen sheete of the best sorte and one aker of barlye To Alice S. my yonger daughter fyve poundes To Anne Houghton and Grace Houghton daughters of Robarte H. either of them xxs To Jane Whitell my daughter iijli vjs viijd To Anne Eden wiefe of Peter Eden my daughter three busshelle of otes and three bushelle of barlye To Thomas Whitell my eldest sone [a] dublet of buckes lether wch was my husbande and one girkin To Thomas Eden one cowe calfe To Jane Penkete my god daughter one yew and one lambe To Elizabeth Molynex wiefe of Thomas Molynex one payre of brode flaxen sheete and that she shall deliv the same to her daughter Jane Penkete in and upon the daye of her maryage To my daugters Ellen and Alice either one payre of bedstockes wth the hangingee and the rest of bedstocke wth the hangingee to remayne to my sonne Thomas To Grace Pye my daughter one mattresse one bolster two covlette one payre of canvas sheete and one red peticote To Jane Whitell one gowne lyned wth worested one whyte peticote and my best hatt To my daughter Alice S. my best gowne and my best peticote To my daughter Jane Whytell one mattresse one bolster two covlette and [a] payre of canvas sheete And all the rest of my goode &c. moveable I geve unto Alice S. and Ellen S. my two daughters by even portions so that my executors doe take uppe for my funall and debte accordinge to th'order and custome of the contrey And I constitute my executors Thomas Molynex gent Thurstan Suthwoorthe gent Thomas S. my sonne and Sir Richard Psivall priest And I desyre my right Worshipull mr Sir

John Suthwoorthe Knyght[1] to be supvisour Witnes &c. Thomas Jackson priest Edwarde Houghton and [*sic*] Henwoorthe wth others Itm I geve to Thomas Bradshawe so muche whyte . . . . . to make him a coote.

THE WILL OF ROBERT BOWARE.[2]

IN the name &c. I Robart Boware clerke perfate in mynd &c. My boddye to be burreed wythin the chauncell of Saynt Johns under the stonis afore the blessed sacrament My will is that my lord bushope by the way of charetye and for Godꝑ sake helpe to burye me and of my fre wyll bequeth unto hym an old angell noble to remember me in his prayer That Master Deane to have v^s^ and all the cannōs and petye canons and all other menesters of the same church shall be at my burryall and the cannōs iij^s^ iiij^d^ the pece and the petye canons xx^d^ a pece and to the gospeller and the pesteller xx^d^ the pece and to the candokꝑ xij^d^ a pece and to the master of the chelderne xij^d^ and to the queresters and the bedmen vj^d^ a pece All such prestꝑ of the cyttye as shalbe at my berreall shall have viij^d^ a pece and everrye paresch clarke vj^d^ and the clarke of Seant Johns iij^s^ iiij^d^ My executors shall cause to be mayd v taupers of waxe of the weght of everre tauper fore pound and the same tapers to be lyght everre Sondaye and holle daye at matens masse and evensong so long as they shall endure To v pore folkes to praye for my solle at the place of my berreall Sondaye and Frydaye thre [there] kneling during the tyme of the masse for the space of one holle yere after my berreall everre one of them penie a pece I bequath x^li^ to be

[1] This is the well known recusant of the family mentioned by Strype and others who married at Middleton Church, July 23rd, 1547, Mary, daughter of Sir Richard Assheton, knight.—*Lanc. MSS.*, vol. iii. p. 231. He ob. in 1595.

[2] Proved September 14, 1554.

geven to poure folkꝭ at the daye of my burreall at Seant Johns by penie a pece To Elsabeth Meyre xvj^{s} viij^{d} and to Elsabeth Wade vj^{s} viij^{d} To my susters doghters syxe poundꝭ xiij^{s} iiij^{d} the wych my executors shall delyver to Mr Bucksaye that he shall delyver to my sayd susters doghters at such tyme as they come to yers of descrecyone or marryage To the making of the haven xl^{s} Unto my cosyne Bucksaye my bassen and my laver and my second goune and a tippet To Margaret Crue wyddowe syxe poundꝭ xiij^{s} iiij^{d} To Syre Peter Blake my serplese and a cape To Master Masse xl^{s} To Alles Worsle xx^{s} To Alles Crue vj^{s} viij^{d} To Peter Garrard syxe poundꝭ xiij^{s} iiij^{d} the wch I wyll that my executors shall delyver to the handꝭ of Marget Crue to the use of the sayd Peter To Richard Lowe xl^{s} To Wyllyame Strenger xx^{d} To my god chelderne xij^{d} a pece To the petye cannons viij selver sponys To Thomas Foxe xx^{s} To Hugh Haghtone iij^{s} iiij^{d} To Thomas Barnis during his lyf my lease of the orchat of Seant Johns dyscharging the rentꝭ of the sayd lease To Margaret Crue wyddowe my lease of the garden at Seant Johns during her lyf descharing the rent therof I bequeth to my brother Arther Bower my advossone of the vekerech of Boltone in the Morrys to the youse of Syre Houmfre Boyere or Syr Edward Garnet yf he shall thinke most expedeent when yt shall shance to falle To Rychard Newall vj^{s} viij^{d} and one of my gounys To John Hanke v^{s} and one of my gounes To Mr Plankne my best gune I gyve to Seant Johns Church one of my querе bockꝭ I gyve more to my brotherenlaye Wyllyame Lennecare xxvj^{s} viij^{d} The rest of all my goodꝭ and monye I gyve frellye to my brother Arther whom w^{t} my brotherinlaye Wyllyame Lennecar I constetude myne executors so that the sayd Arther shall dyscharge in all man̄ of shutꝭ the sayd Wyllyame Lennecare and forther I bequeth to Mr Buckse my satten dublet and to Elsabeth Wayd my red mantell and I make over sears Mr John Masse clerke of the parresh of Seant Johns and Nycolas Buckse one of the premenders [*sic*] of the cathedrall

church of Chryst and oure laddye Rychard Newall tanner Wrytene in Chester the last daye of August in the fyrst and second yere of Phelipe and Mare by the grace of God king and quen of England [&c.] And forther my wyll ys that my seayd brother Arther shall be ruled in all thingę ressonable by my overseers and yf he wyll not then I wyll that my oversears shall rulle both hyme and my goodę according to ther descrecyone Thes being present in wytnes per me Rychard Lowe per me John Masse clerke per me Nycolas Bucksey[1] clerke per me Jhon Hanke per me Thomas Barnis per me Jasper Grymsdych.

THE WILL OF DAME MARY EGERTON OF ASTBURY, WIDOW.[2]

IN the name of God amen The 18 Oct. 1597 I Dame Marye Egerton late of Rydley in the countie of Chester widdowe of Sr Richard E. knight decessed being of good mynde &c. ffirst I comend my soule and spirite into the mcifull handes of Almighty God my eternall creator and redeemer in whose fayth &c. and my body when yt shall please God to appoynt the tyme to Christian buriall at the discrecon of my executors And whereas Rauffe Egerton of Rydley esquier sonne of the sayd Sr Richard E. knight and me the sayd Dame Marye together wth Roger Puleston of Emerall in the county of fflynt esquier George Ravenscrofte of Bretton

[1] Nicholas Bucksie M.A., Prebendary of Chester 4th August 1541, died in 1566.

[2] Proved August 1599. Mary, daughter of Richard Grosvenor of Eaton Esq., married first Thomas Leigh of Adlington Esq., and secondly Sir Richard Egerton of Ridley Knt., by whom she had issue Ralph Egerton her son and heir, William, and Dorothy wife of Richard Brereton of Tatton and Worsley Esq. She died 26th March 1599, and was buried at Astbury. — Ormerod, vol. ii. pp. 162-3, 382.

in the county of fflynt esquier and John Grosvenor of Tussingh'm in the county of Chester gentleman have by their dede 1 October 26 Elizabeth graunted amongst other thingę to Thoms Wilbrah'm of Woodhey esquier and Rauffe Ravenscrofte of Bolles in the county of fflynt gentleman and to their heires all their manno^rs messuagę &c. in Cle . . . . . dell als Wordell Bunbury Calveley Wymynch'm als Wynch'm Bursley als Burwardesley and Astbury in the county of Chester and in the towne of the Holte als the towne of Lyons and in Alyngton als Trevalyn w^th^in the lordship of Bromefield and Yale in the county of Denbigh and the manor and . . . . . w^th^in the county of Staff and all lands colemynes &c. wch the sayd Roger Puleston and John Grosvenor lately had of guifte &c. of Sir Rauffe Egerton knight to the use of the sayd Dame Mary E. for life and after her decease to the sayd Rauffe E. and [his] heires male And where also the sayd Rauffe E. hath by his deede 13 September 29 Elizabeth graunted to the sayd Thomas W. and Rauffe R. two closures of lande the one called the Pavement crofte and th'other a medowe adioyninge in the towne of Lyons als Holte and two closures called the Little Weyrhooke and Akrey Hirion in Alyngton als Trevalyn to th'use of the sayd Dame Mary E. [as before] I doe give &c. the above mencoedd ꝑmises [to] the sayd Rauffe Egerton esquier for life and after [his] deceasse to Richard Egerton sonne and heire apparent of the sayd Rauff E. esquier and to [his] heires males and for defalte &c. to Rauffe E. second sonne of the sayd Rauffe E. esquier and for defalte &c. to Thomas E. thrid sonne of the sayd Rauffe E. esquier and for &c. to the right heires of the sayd Rauffe E. esquier for ever I give to the sayd Rauffe E. esquier the reꝟcon of one messuage in Prestbury late the inheritance of John Bouthe deceassed and now in the tenure of Lawrence Hyde to have &c. for ever And whereas by indenture 10 Sep . . Elizabeth made betweene me the sayd Dame Marye E. of t'hone ꝑte and my sonne Thoms Leigh of Adlington esquier sonne and heire apparent of

Thoms L. late of Adlington esquier deceassed of th'other pte it was amongst other thinge agreed that the sayd Thomas L. and Sybill[1] his wyfe at th'assises next to be houlden wthin the county of Chester should convey the mannor of Prestbury and the rectory and psonage of Prestbury and all messuage teythes &c. to th'use of me the sayd Dame Mary E. for the terme of three score yeares yf I the sayd Dame Mary should soe long lyve and after to th'use of the sayd Thoms Leigh his heires &c. [Power is here granted to Dame Mary E. to demise for three lives or twenty one years after her death the portions of tithes hereafter mentioned] That ys to wytt all the teythe corne and hay of Oulde Wythyngton now valued at iiijli p anñ of Chelforde now valued at iiijli p annũ the teythe corne of Ranowe now valued at xls p annũ of Hurdesfield now valued at xxijs p annũ of Bollyngton now valued at vijli p annũ of Bosley and Rode now valued at viijli p annũ the teythe corne and hay of Marton now valued at xvli p annũ of the Milnehouse now valued at xxvjs viijd p annũ of Astle now valued at liijs iiijd p annũ and of Wythyngton now valued at xiiijli vjs viijd p annũ (the teythe corne of ?teyn lande in Ranowe called Spewley and of ?teyn lande and tente in Bollington in th'occupacõn of Thoms Greene alwayes excepted) And where alsoe by indenture 10 September 23 Elizabeth betwene me the sayd Dame Marye E. of the first pte and Thomas Leigh esquier of the second pte and Roger Puleston of Emrall esqr and Rauffe E. of Rydley esquier of the thrid pte the sayd Thomas did graunte unto the sayd Roger P. and Rauffe E. one yearely rent of xxijli xs yssuynge out of one tente called Leighes ffarme and out of all the lande &c. of the sayd Thomas Leigh in Mouldsdale als Mouldesdale sometyme in the tennure of Richard Grosvenor gentleman decessed late in the tennure of Rauffe Ravenscrofte gentleman or of John Wynne gentleman to have &c. [The same power as before granted to the testatrix] Nowe I the sayd Dame Marye E.

[1] Sybill, daughter of Sir Urian Brereton of Hondford Knt.

beynge determyned to dispose aswell all the sayd sevall porcons of teythes of corne and hay in Ould Wythyngton &c. as also the sayd yearely rent of xxij^{li} x^{s} according to the power given unto me by the sayd sevall provisoes doe graunt the sayd yearely rent of xxij^{li} x^{s} and the sayd porcons of teythes in such manner as hereafter ys declared &c. I give to Willm Grosvenor one of my servunte xxvj^{s} viij^{d} pcell of the sayd yearely rent of xxij^{li} x^{s} duringe his lyfe To John Newton now my servūnt twenty shillinge duringe his lyfe To my cosyn Rauffe Leigh yongest sonne of the sayd Thomas Leigh esquier tenne pownde duringe his lyfe And further I requyre the sayd Rauffe E. and Richard E. as they will answere me before God that they shall yearely pmitt Richard James duringe his lyfe peaceably to receyve the some of ffortie shillinge And as concerninge the good disposicon of the teythes before recyted imprimis I give all the teythe corne wthin Ranowe aforesayd (except as ys before excepted) to Richard Jackson my servūnte duringe his lyfe so as the sayd Richard Jackson shall be ready to assist and helpe the sayd Raufe E. and Richard E. as often as need shall requyre for the gatheringe and collectinge of the residue of the teythes and to forsee as much as in him lyeth that there be not any deceipt used towarde them concerninge the same and that the sayd Richard Jackson doe become bounden wth sufficient suerty in the some of threescore pownde for the yearely rent of six pownde duringe [his] naturall lyfe to the sayd Rauffe E. and Richard E. and yf the sayd Richard Jackson refuse to become bounden then this devyse shalbe voyde Ytt ys my mynde that the sayd Rauffe E. esquier Richard E. and the sayd Rauffe E. the yonger shall yearely duringe their lyves bestowe at the feaste of th'annūcacon of the Blessed Mary the Virgin and St Mychaell th'archangell by even porcons amongst the poorest inhītante and housholders of the sevall pishes hereafter mencoedd the sevall somes of money sett downe as followeth viz. to the poorest inhītante and housholders wthin the pishe of Prestbury Astbury and Bunbury [to

each parish] fyve pownde To the poore w^th^in the towne of Houlte in the countie of Denbigh in the pishe of Eccleston in the towne and pishe of Torpurley Malpas Acton and Tattenhall [each place] fforty shillinge to be distributed so as no one poore pson of the townes and pishes aforesayd shall receyve above vj^s^ viij^d^ in any one yeare w^th^out fraude or covyn Further the sayd Rauffe E. esquier &c. shall distribute not onely the yearely some of tenne pownde towarde the pferm̃ educacõn and instruccõn of such poore children and orphante as shalbe thought apt and willinge to learne and take paynes as pntices in manuall crafte and occupacõns but also other tenne pownde yearely for repacõns of highwayes duringe the lyves of the sayd Rauffe E. esquier &c. by the ovsight of my sayd executors I requyre the sayd Rauffe E. esq^r^ &c. that they shall yearely receyve a true ctificate in wrytinge under the hande of the constables or ells of two honest houshoulders of evy towne and village wherein the sayd Rauffe E. esquier &c. shall distribute any som̃es of money in wch sayd ctificate shalbe playnely sett downe aswell all the sevall pticuler somes gevin to poore people and to the pferm̃ of poore children and orphante in manuall arte and occupacõns and to the repacõn of high wayes as also the names and sinames of evy poore pson that shall receyve any of the sayd somes My mynde and harty request unto the sayd Rauffe E. esquier Richard E. and the sayd Rauffe E. the yonger ys that they doe pmitt my cosyn John Davenport of North Rode and Elizabeth his wyfe to have the tythes of Marton and Great Wythyngton for the rente as aforesayd for the terme of their three lyves I give to the sayd Richard E. six draught oxen tenne kyne all my implem^ts^ of husbandrye and all such corne wch shalbe remayninge in my barnes and gardners unspent after my funall be celebrated and my sealinge ringe wth the lyons pawe and sword To my sonne Thomas Leigh esquier one hundred pownde Yf the sayd Thom̃s Leigh esquier shall at any tyme after my deceasse hynder the execucõn of this my last will then noe some of

one hundred pownde shalbe payd to [him] nor any legacye by me given unto any of [his] children To the sayd Rauffe E. the yonger twenty pownde yearely for his lyfe To the sayd Thoms E. thrid sonne of the sayd Rauffe E. esquier twenty pownde yearely during his lyfe To my cosyn Sr Uryan Leigh knight twenty pownde . . . . . the lyfe of the sayd Thoms Leigh esquier To my welbeloved sonne Sr Thoms Egerton knight Lord Keep of the Great Seall of England one ringe of gould havinge therein a dyamond To my cosyn Sr Thoms Egerton knight his sonne twenty pownde To my cosyn John Egerton his other sonne one portague of gould To my cosyn Marye Leigh his doughter one portague of gould To my sonne in lawe Richard Brereton esquier threescore pownde and to my doughter Dorothye Brereton fforty pownde in money my best gowne and kyrtle and all other my apparell ringe and jewelle not before or hereafter by me given and disposed and one little cofer coved wth a seall skynne To Thoms Leigh and Edward L. yonger sonnes of the sayd Thoms Leigh esqr twenty pownde a peece and to Mgaret L. doughter of the sayd Thoms Leigh esquier fforty pownde To my cosyn Mary Hope twenty pownde To Rauffe Egerton my servunte iiijli To my cosyn Mary Lawton one crucifix of gould my second gowne and kyrtle and my best peticoate To my cosyn Elizabeth Maysterson one ringe of gould having therein a saphyre and one portague of gould To my godsonne Roger Puleston esquier one portague of gould To my cosyn Thoms Wilbrahm esquier one portague of gould To my cosyn Thomas Puleston one peece of gould in value xxxs To my cosyn Rauffe Ravenscrofte one peece of gould in value xxxs To my goddoughter Mawde Hope two ringe of gould the one havinge therein a turkesse and a flatt hoope of gould three pownde in money and my thrid gowne and kirtle To evy one of my worke servunte and others of my svnte aswell women as men not by me holpen or pferred to some stay of lyvinge and such as to whom I have not given any legacye evy one of them one whole

yeares wages To eꝟy one of my ꝑvnte women two smocke a peece and all my night gownes cloth gownes and such other of my apparell as my sayd doughter Dorothie Brereton shall thinck fitt for their wearinge To my cosyn Elizabeth Dutton one portague of gould To my cosyn Elizabeth Egerton doughter of the sayd Rauffe E. esquier one cheyne of gould and a crucifix of gould sett wth stones To my neece Elizabeth Grosvenor one crucifix of gould and tenne pownde in money To my cosyn Amye Bellott my sealinge ringe wth the buck and the hounde yssuynge forthe of the hollyn bushe To my cosyn ffrances Grosvenor one portague of gould and to my cosyn Alice Haughton fyve pownde To my cosyn Mary Rope my best French hood wth the upper billym̃ and the cornett To my cosyn Laurence Rope one dubble duckett To my very lovinge cosyns Dame Katherin Trevor and Jane Edwardꝗ one ringe a peece To my ꝑvnte Laurence Hyde twenty pownde To Humphrey Rydgway foure pownde yf he be in my ꝑvice at the tyme of my death To James Pova xxs To John Greene th'elder xxs My will ys that all such legacies as I have given to any of my ꝑvntꝗ shalbe payd unto them wthin one quarter of a yeare next after my death All the rest and residue of my goodꝗ and chattelles &c. I give &c. to my sayd sonne Rauffe E. esquier under this condiĉon that the sayd Rauffe E. esquier shall suffer my executors to take a true and pfect inventory of all my plate houshold stuff &c. and the same to cause to be reasonably valued charginge my sayd sonne Rauffe E. esquier to leave at the tyme of his deceasse such and so much of the sayd goodꝗ or other of the like goodnes or in defaulte the value thereof as the sayd Rauffe E. esquier shall receyve by vertue of this my last will to the sayd Richard E. And further my sayd executors shall wthin one quarter of a yeare next after my deceasse take one true inventory of all my plate houshould stuff &c. and the same to be reasonably valued and a true copy thereof whereof the one pte to remayne wth my sayd executors and th'other pte to give unto the

sayd Richard E. To my cosyn Mary Bentley one ringe of gould To my cosyn Elizabeth Sutton one ringe of gould And ffynallye I constitute the right honorable and my welbeloved sonne Sr Thoms Egerton knight Lord Keep of the Great Seall of England my welbeloved cosyn Sr Thomas Egerton knight my welbeloved cosyn and godsonne Roger Puleston esquier and my very loving cosyns Thoms Puleston and Thoms Rode gentlemen my true and lawfull executors and my welbeloved cosyns Rauffe Ravenscrofte and Rauffe Egerton of Bettley esquiers supvisors hartely prayinge even for Chrystes sake all of their paynes therein and to see the same fully &c. In wytnesse whereof to this my psent last will and testamt I the sayd Dame Mary E. have putt to my seall and subscribed my name wth myne awne hand the day and yeare first above wrytten.

Marye Egerton.

Md that this psent last will and testament of Dame Mary E. late of Ridley widdowe was sealed and subscribed by the sayd Dame Marye and by her acknowledged affirmed and published to be her last will and testament the xviijth day of October in the xxxjxth yeare of the reigne of or soveigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God &c. in the psence of these psons whose names are subscribed Ed. Bellott Thomas Rode John Bellott John Henshawe Rog Thwellyn.

Md that this will was delived unto Rauffe E. of Rydley in the county of Chester esqr by Dame Mary E. of Astbury widdowe and by her acknowledged to be her last will and testament the 12 Janr 1598 (1598-9) in the psence of Tho. Egerton Jo. Egerton John Davenporte Henry Wood.

A ptiçler inventory of all the goodes chattelle &c. of the Lady Mary Egerton widowe deceassed praysed at Astbury the ffourth day of May 1599 Inprimis her wearinge apparell and jewelle Cxxxiijli vjs viijd — a lease of the rectory of Astbury DClxvjli xiijs iiijd — a

lease of certeyn medowes and pastures in Newlington in the county of Denbigh CCC^{li} — a lease of certeyn tente and lande called the Nunheyes xx^{li} — a lease of certeyn ground in Astbury taken of Mr Somforde xx^{li} — a lease of a medowe in Astbury aforesayd taken of Mr Llunden xiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — viij draught oxen xlviij^{li} — xij kyne and one heffer xxxij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — iiij nage xij^{li} — ljx ould sheepe and foure lambes xvij^{li} xiiij^{s} — xv big swyne and xv shoute xj^{li} xvij^{s} vj^{d} — pulleyn xx^{s} — corne in the garn^{rs} and unthrashed lxiiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} corne on the ground xiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — instrum^{ts} of husbandrye x^{li} — boarde stooles carpette quishions hangingе and other ffurniture of the dyninge chamber x^{li} — beddinge wth bedstocke chest trucke hangingе and other furniture of the chambers lxxij^{li} x^{s} — napery or lynnens xxj^{li} xj^{s} ij^{d} — brasse potte and pannes wth broaches dreepinge pannes grates racke and other kytchin stuffe xij^{li} xv^{s} x^{d} — the brewinge lead iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — pewter x^{li} xv^{d} — candlestick xxx^{s} viij^{d} — treen ware in the bruehouse and dayhouse vij^{li} viij^{s} v^{d} — treen ware in the buttry kitchin pastry and larder xlv^{s} iiij^{d} — tables benches fformes and other necessaries in the hall xx^{s} — hay iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — wooll xxxiiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — in sperate and despate debte D^{li} The like inventorye of div^{rs} goodes and cattelle of the sayd Lady Egerton remeyninge at the Cleyes in the pishe of Bunbury praysed the xjth day of May 1599 iiij mares j colte and vij nage xxvj^{li} — ij ffat oxen x^{li} — viij draught oxen xlij^{li} — a payre of ould bounden wheles iij^{s} iiij^{d} — all her plate brought to Rydley and there weighed by John Lyngley gouldsmyth as by a note thereof appeareth and valued to Cxxxvij^{li} iiij^{s} Sm̄ total MMCClx^{li} viij^{s} ij^{d}.

THE WILL OF ANNE BROUGHTON OF SHOCKLACH, WIDOW.[1]

IN the name &c. 27 June 1583 I Anne Broughton of the pishe of Shocklach in the countie of Chester wydowe acknowledge my selfe mortale and that I am borne to dye &c. make this my last will &c. ffyrst I comende my soule &c. and to be buryed (if God shall so appoynt) within the pishe churche or chaunsell of Shocklach I geve unto my sonne ffrauncis B. tenne pownde to be payd unto him by my executors hereafter named in one severall payment within one whole yere next ensuynge after my decease To my sonne John B. twentye pownde to be payd unto him within two whole yeres next ensuynge after my decease at two severall payment orderly To my sonne Homfray B. ten pownde to be lykewisse payd unto him in two severall payment To my daughter Jane Lloyd my best sylver salt a sylver goblet a beere cupp of sylver a dozen of sylver sponnes my great brasse panne and my best sute of apparel To my daughter Marget Yonge a beere cup of sylver halfe a dozen of sylv sponnes and my seconnde sute of apparell To my sister Maude fortie shillinge yerely duringe three whole yeres next ensuynge after my decease To Morgan Broughton the sonne of Edward B. late of Shocklach pish deceased the bedsteed in the parler w^t^ the waynescote and glasse in and about the sayd parler w^t^ all ye rest of the glasse in and about the housse and chambers and housses of office in what place soever together w^t^ the brewinge panne set now in the fornesse in the brewinge housse w^t^ the clocke and the bell and all other thinge belonginge to the sayd clocke and also the boat wch is uppō the ryver Dee All the rest of my houshold stuffe as beddinge brasse and pewter with other implement of

[1] Proved June 11, 1588. Buried at Shocklach, 6th June, 1588.

houshold except the great brasse potte I geve &c. unto my two daughters Marget Yonge and Jane Lloyd to be equally devided betwixt them To my sonne in law Willm Lloyd my best iron bounde wayne wt the yokes and chaynes and all other implementę belonging to the same To my sonne in lawe Thomas Yonge my other iron bounde wayne wt the yookę and chaynes belonginge to the same To my brother Richard ap Richard three poundę I geve &c. towardę the reparacon of Shocklach church xs and xxtie shyllyngę to be distributed devyded and geven amongest the poore folkę of Shocklach pishe accordinge to the discretion of myne executour To Robt Downes[1] clerke now curat of Shocklach on angell of golde To everychone of my sonnes and sonnes in lawe a mourninge clooke of blacke cloath and to my brother Richard ap Richard a mourninge clooke and to my daughters Marget Yonge and Jane Lloyd to either of them a mourninge gowne and to my sisters Maude and Kathren to either of them a mourninge gowne To my cosyn Jane Yardley the wiffe of John Y. of Calcot and to my cosyn Elizabeth Pova the wiffe of John P. to either of thē an angell of gold to make thē either a rynge for remēbrance To twelve poore folkę of my neighbours xij frize gownes To Marget and Anne Lloyd my cosyns to either of them one heifer To Anne Jane and Elnor Yonge the daughters of my sonne in lawe Thomas Y. to ether of them one heifer The rest of all my goodę &c. I geve unto my sonne Valentine B. and I make him my executoure I nominate &c. Willm Lloyd and Thomas Yonge my sonnes in law my brother Richard ap Richard and my sonne Francis to be overseers &c. Thesse beynge wytenes Davyd Lloyd drap John ffytton and Robt Downes clerke wt others.

[1] He became incumbent of Shocklach in 1575, and was buried there 7th October, 1633, aged 86 years.—*Shocklach Parish Register.*

THE WILL OF SIR ROBERT THORPE, CLERK.[1]

IN Dei &c. The jx day of Julii MDXlvijth I Sir Roberte Thorppe clarke of pfyte mynde &c. firste I bequeste my soule to Almyghtye God and to o^{r} blyssed lady Sanct Marye and to all the courte of hevyn and my body to be buryed wthin the quere and I will give to the churche pfette vj^{s} viij^{d} I give to Sr Richarde Hall my surplesse To Sr Rob Kereby one bonet one typpet and iij^{s} iiij^{d} To Sr Jhon Poyde one bonet one typpet and iij^{s} iiij^{d} To Sr Willm Styll my silv spectacles and my wood knyffe To Sr Jhon le Wet the Dane my beste bonet To Jane Wyghtmã my sist my shorte gowne and vj^{s} viij^{d} To Willm Wyghtmã and Bartylmew Wyghtmã ether off them iij^{s} iiij^{d} To Esabell Wyghtmã and to Agnes Wyghtmã ether of them v^{s} To Mawde Wyghtmã iij^{s} iiij^{d} To Jhon Wyghtmã v^{os} To Rob Peirson Kateryne Peirson Agnes Peirson and Jane Peirson to evy one of them x^{os} for there chyldys portions and I will y^{t} this money y^{t} I haue givyn unto Jhon Peirson chyldryn be in custodye of ye handę of my supvisors unto ye tyme y^{t} they thynke it pfitable unto them To Willm Reidheid and Jhon Reidheid ether of them iij^{os} iiij^{d} To Alyson Reidheid vj^{os} viij^{d} To my Lady Pores and hir two sisterę evy one of theme xij^{d} To Jhon Brymley vj^{os} viij^{d} To Dame Barbara Brÿley my sist v^{os} and one tache To my sist Gybson v^{os} and one tache To Thomas Gybson my silv whyssyll To Dorethe Thorppe iij^{os} iiij^{d} To Xpofere Pēkket my servande his halfe yere wayges his brydyll and his sadle my boottę and my spurres and xj^{os} in money and my worsset doblet

[1] No date of probate, but the inventory is dated September 12, 1547. In it are the following items: — "His purse and his belte and x^{os} viij^{d} in yt and iiij gownes xxx^{os} two jacketts ij pare of hoysse two doblętę iij bonettę one ridynge hatt thre typpettę wth a welwet hoyde xviij^{os}."

To Xpofere Cowp pysche clarke one dowblet of fustian slevyd wth worsset one shavyng ewer my honestone and all rasors I will y^t iiij preiste shall bere me to the churche wth iiij surplesses and evy one of them to have xij^d I will that there be spente at ye day of my buryall xl^os I give x^os to ye powreste folke w^thin Kyrkeby Moresheid and it to be delivered to ye churche wardens hande and they to dystrybute it when they shall thynke it necessarye To Sr Jhon Poyde ij^os and he to give it to the powreste folke w^thin his pishyng To Sr Rob Kereby ij^os and he to give it to ye powreste folke w^thin his pishyng I will y^t ye vicar of Salton be one of my supvisors and I give him for his peanes takyng my beste typpet I will y^t Nicholas Bulloke be another supvisor and I give hym for his peanes takyng my beste jacket my brydle and my sadle my foxe furr skynnes and ye two greit lawndyrone y^t standythe in my chymley and I will y^t aft his dethe that Lawnoe Bulloke haue them to hym and his heres The resydew of all my gudde I give to Willm Reidheid my brother and to Elsabethe my sist his wyffe whome I make my executore Witnesses hereoff Sir Jhon Blakket Sr Richarde Hall Thomas Sulbye Roberte Berye wth other.

THE WILL OF FRANCIS WARREN, OF PRESTBURY.[1]

Anno Dni 1593 the xxv^th day of October.

IN the name &c. I ffrances Warren of Presburie bothe sicke in body nevertheles of pfect memorie thanke bee given &c. Where I have heretofore made a conveyance of my landes to my cosin John Warren of Poynton Esqr and his heires wth dyverse remaynders over my desyre is to my now cosin Mr Edward Warren Esqr as in the liefe tyme of

[1] Proved May 6, 1594.

his father I requested his saied father that hee would redeliṽ backe the saied conveyance and that if ytt would please him soe to doe then if ytt please God to call mee to his mercy that my wiefe shall have all my landes dueringe her liefe and after her decease my will is that my saied landę &c. should descend to ffrancę Hollinshead sonne of Edward H. of Bosley deceased and to [his] heires &c. and then my wiefe to bee discharged of that some of xlv^{li} wch was left unto him by his father wch I am indebted to pay and for want of issue &c. then to my cosin Robert Ryley and his heires and for want &c. then to Willm Newton of ffulshaw and his heires My will is to have a mariage solempnized beetweene one of the daughters of my cosin Robert Ryleis and the saied ffrancę if my saied cosin Ryley will yeeld and alowe soe much monney in mariage wth his daughter to the saied ffrancę as the ov̄sceers of this my last will shall reasonablie appoynt I give unto Sr Edward ffitton knight and my lady tow angells of gold To my brother in law John Henshaw my grissell mare alowinge my wiefe five markes in money To ev̄y of my executors (exceptinge my wiefe) vj^{s} viij^{d} a peece for theire paines to bee taken abowte the p̄bat of this my will To Reynold Hollingshead one blacke stirke one dublett of canvas one medley jerkin one paire of nether stockę and one paire of shooes To Raphe Gee my servant one dublett of millian fustian one jerkin and one paire of nether stockę To Anne Clearke my servant one ewe lambe To Isabell Hollinshead one pyte heffer wch is wth calve To ffrances Hollinshead and brother to the saied Isabell one blacke ewe To ffrances Hollinshead my god sonne one blacke heffer and to the rest of my god children xij^{d} a peece To Lawrance Plante one paire of greene boote hose one paire of nether stockę To Raphe Newton one paire of bootę and a paire of spurres To Ales Gee wief to Raphe G. iiij^{s} To John Dey my sword girdle I give three bushells of barlie to the poore of wthin the p̄ishes of Presburie and Alderley to bee given by the discreac̃on of my executors To Jeanne Jackson wief to

Raphe J. of Alderley fryse to make her a gowne of To Anne Damporte ij^{s} To Edward Houghe one Spanish jerkin The rest of my goode my debte funall and legacies discharged I give to my wiefe Lastly I ordeyne and make Anne Warren my wiefe Hugh Hollinshead of Heywood Robte Whythall of the Shourpecliffe and Robert Ryley of Chorley executors of this my last will and ovsceers Sr Edward ffitton knight and Mr John Henshaw of Lockwood my brother in law In wittnes &c. ffrances Warren his marke Wittnesses to this will Edward Hollinshed John Dey Willm Holland Reynold Hollinshed and Raphe Newton.

THE WILL OF PETER STANLEY OF MOORE HALL, ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. The 20 October 1589 I Peter Stanley of Moore Hall in the county of Lanc̃ Esquire consydering the certeynety of deathe &c. My body I commend to Christian buriall I bequeathe to Jane now my wife the one halfe of all my goode and cattells all her apparell furniture and all her ringe and jewells what soeṽ w^{ch} [she] hathe usually used and worne and tow bedsteede or bed cases wch are now in the chamber wherein the sayde Peter doth ordinary lye To Katherin wief of Edwarde Stanley[2] my eldest sonne

[1] Proved 7th August 1592. Peter, second son of Sir William Stanley of Hooton co. Cest. Knt. by Anne, daughter and coheiress of Sir James Harrington of Woolfage co. Northampton, married first Elizabeth daughter and heiress of James Scarisbrick by Margaret daughter and heiress of Thomas Atherton of Bickerstaffe Esq., and secondly Cicely daughter of Richard Tarleton.—Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 230, *Suffield MSS.*

[2] Edward, the testator's eldest son, married first Katherine daughter of Lawrence (or William) Ireland of Lydiate Esq., by whom he had two daughters, Jane and Elizabeth. He married secondly Elizabeth daughter of Leonard Hoghton of Spinagh, and left a son and heir Peter Stanley of Moore Hall, aged 68 at the Visitation in 1665.—*Suffield MSS.*

tow bedsteedꝭ and all furniture of beddinge belonginge to the same wch nowe are in the chamber wherein the sayde Katherin doth use to lie To my sayde sonne Edwarde S. all my standinge bedsteedes in Moore Hall aforesayde and all my implementꝭ and furniture for husbandrie and one cheste in the great chamber in More Hall and all armour and furniture [for] warrs and one great stone used for ꝑservacō of swine meat To Anne Blundevell my daughter my red silke curtens To Katherin Urmeston my daughter my greene seye curtens To Jane Stanley daughter of the sayde Edward S. one incalfe heyffer. To Elizabeth S. sister of the saide Jane one incalfe heffer To Alice Sutton and Margaret her sister tow incalfe heffer equally to bee devided And all the rest of my goodꝭ and cattells not before bequeathed I give &c. to Margaret Stanley my daughter wiefe of Henry S. Esquier[1] and to Williã S. my second sonne equallye to be devyded ffurther I make &c. Randulph Maynwaringe of Over Pever Esqr and Edmunde Trafford sonne and heire apparent of Sr Edmunde T. knight [my] executors &c. I make Sr Rowland [Stanley of] Houlton knight [The rest of the will is decayed.]

In the inventory the testator is said to be of Morehall and Bycarstafe.

[1] Henry, son of Sir James Stanley of Cross Hall Knt., by Anne daughter of Sir Percival Hart of Lullingston co. Kent Knt., married Margaret daughter of the testator by his first wife Elizabeth daughter and heiress of James Scarisbrick of Bickerstaff Esq. See Henry Stanley's will, p. 95 *supra*.

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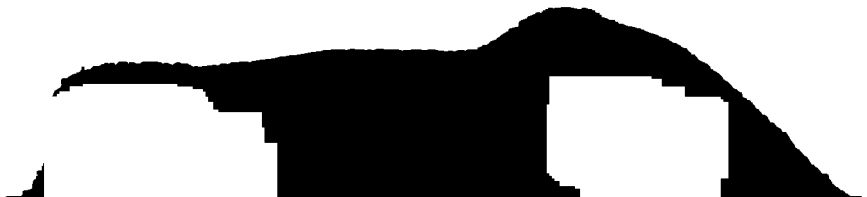

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